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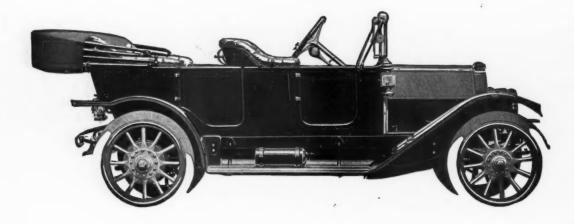
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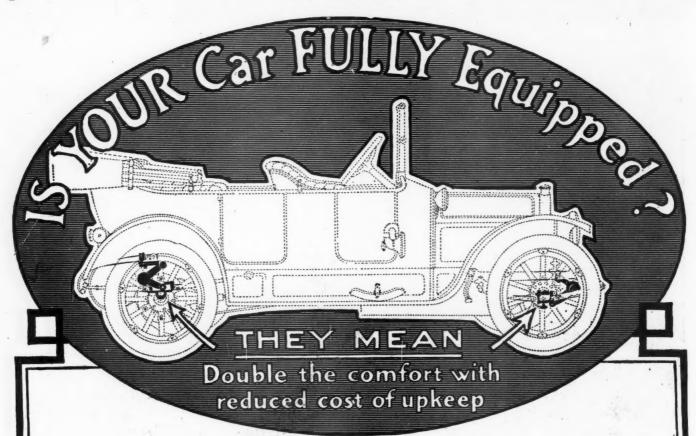
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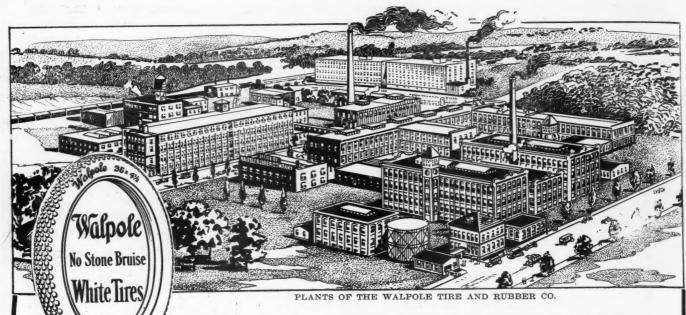
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Electric Progress

Pleasure Cars for 1913 Have Larger and More Luxurious Bodies— Prices a Little Higher

Commercials Have Larger Carrying Capacity—Multiplicity of Models—Larger Carrying Capacity

By David Beecroft

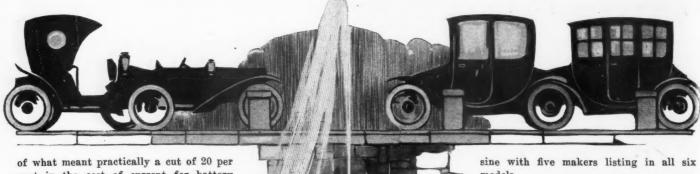
E LECTRIC passenger cars for this year carry larger and more luxurious bodies than last year. The prices also are a little higher, but all considered, the buyer is getting more for his money than formerly.

Electric commercial cars are built in a greater multiplicity of models and generally the models added are of larger carrying capacity. There are now five or six makers listing 5-ton vehicles, not a few manufacturing 4-ton machines and the number of manufacturers building 3 and 3.5-ton machines has increased considerably.

These two paragraphs summarize the progress of the year in these two respects, but there have been other avenues of progress in the electric vehicle industry during the last 12 months that count almost as much, if not more, for the general advancement of the industry as the mechanical improvements in the vehicles and the body refinements. Foremost comes the get-together spirit of the maker of vehicles, battery makers, and every other maker of articles in every city which manufacture electric current for lighting, fuel, power and battery charging.

These central station people have been very active, exceedingly so. For years they were asleep, inexcusable Rip Van Winkles. But they awakened after the continual efforts of the electric maker and now that they have opened their eyes after a sleep of years, so far as battery charging for vehicles is concerned, they have started in real earnest and are setting the pace for the vehicle and battery makers. These central station people have wakened because it is putting money in their pockets to get out of Sleep Hollow. They have learned that one 5-ton truck will consume as much current as a block of city residences. They have discovered the value of the electric and are today proclaiming the vehicle from the house tops and metaphorically are going out into the highways and byways and compelling the customers to come in.

But these central station people are playing fair. They are cutting the price of electric current and establishing varying rates which is proving popular in the majority of centers. In Chicago announcement was made during the year just closed



cent in the cost of current for battery charging, this of course, carrying the proviso that charging be done at off-peak periods or in other words at times when the current consumption for city lighting, city power, etc., is not at its highest point. As much battery charging is done during the night the garage man has not had any difficulty in availing himself of the reduction.

E. V. A. of A. Very Active

But if the central station interests, have been busy in pushing the electric passenger and commercial vehicle there has been another party that has done valiant service, the Electric Vehicle Association of America. This youthful organization has grown apace. From an insignificant membership of 2 years ago it today counts on its roster the majority of the makers of vehicles, batteries, electric accessories and many of the central station people. It was really the drum beating of this juvenile that broke the slumbers of the central station crowd.

Lower Insurance Rates Secured

Today the Electric Vehicle Association of America is working double shifts and doing much overtime service. It is widespread in its work. Besides interesting the central station people and getting them to cut their rates, it has approached the insurance companies and has got reductions in rates so that now the rates on electrics are approximately one-half that on gasoline vehicles. But it has gone further: Standardization of parts in the electric has been one of its hobbies and today it has practically standardized charging plugs, a boon to owners of both passenger and commercial vehicles; it is aiming to standardize vehicle speeds; it has recommended the adoption of a standard sign for battery charging stations; the question of standardizing lamps is being vigorously pushed; and in addition to this it has brought about co-operation of makers, central station interests, battery interests and others in nation-wide advertising campaigns for the benefit of the electric. It has done more: By working for the establishment of electric garages it is doing one of the greatest works for the more speedy introduction of the electric passenger and commercial vehicle.

But space will not permit of digressing still further on the good that this organization has accomplished. It has instituted its annual convention, where makers con-

gregate, listen to papers read and discussed, and formulate plans for greater aggression. To get closer to the people it is organizing its branches, or local divisions, in the leading cities and each in its respective circle is putting its shoulder to the wheel and helping on the nationwide movement of bringing the electric vehicle into its own.

New Faces Appear

Returning to the electric passenger vehicles for this year: The number of concerns building them is a little larger than a year ago. Among the new names are the Chicago and the Buffalo, the latter being the successor of the Babcock. The specification on other pages in this issue enumerate two-dozen makers and there are a few not included therein. One or two companies have announced they are discontinuing their electric passenger vehicles and centering all of their attention on their gasoline lines.

Closed Bodies the Trend

Most marked in the passenger vehicle field is the increased number of closed bodies listed, and the practical elimination of the stanhope and victoria styles. The closed types include the coupe, the brougham and the limousine, which has really made its initial bow, being listed by not fewer than five of the leading makers. The brougham leads the field of closed types, with twenty-seven different models. Next comes the coupe with fifteen listed models; and lastly the limoumodels.

The limousine is the highest priced electric passenger car, its range extending from the Chicago at \$3,100 to the Borland at \$5,500. In this limousine category are Argo, \$3,250; Detroit, \$5,000; Waverley, \$3,250 and \$3,500; and Chicago, \$3,100. These limousines are in direct rivalry with the gasoline limousine and their debut proves unmistakably that the maker of electrics is going to demonstrate that the electric is not simply a vehicle for women but a general utility machine, the same as the gasoline closed car of limousine and coupe types. These electric limousines are commodious vehicles, with every luxury known to the body building art. The passengers all face forward; in many the vehicle is driven from either the front or rear seats; and they are single-compartment vehicles, which makes them admirable for family use, for dinner and theater parties.

Vogue of the Brougham

The brougham is a slightly lower priced vehicle than the limousine, its figures ranging from \$2,500 to \$3,500, with the majority around \$2,800, \$2,900 and \$3,000. Nine different makers list brougham models and many of them list several different brougham types, such as Woods, with four models; Waverley, three models; Rauch & Lang, five models; and Detroit, four models. The reason for this mutiplicity of models is that the body designs vary; thus one maker will show a colonial brougham, a standard brougham, a demibrougham and a convertible-brougham, with different prices on each. It is almost impossible to define the body differences according to the differences in nomenclature.

The Colonial Type

Lastly, in the closed body field is the coupe, which has increased in favor and is how firmly established as a small inclosed model. The strict colonial type has progressed, so that now the accentuated curved top, characteristic of this type, is quite general with many of the makers. It makes a specially smart appearing vehicle. Coupe prices rarely reach the \$3,-000 mark but hover between \$2,500 and \$2,800. One maker lists a model at \$1,-885, which is practically the 'only electric of the year listed under \$2,000. Fifteen different makers are listing coupe types.

The roadster or runabout has the open vehicle field to itself and today this type of vehicle is recognized not as an outburst of company radicalisms but as a standard model. Eleven makers are marketing them and of this number two concerns have a couple of models each. The electric roadster is using the curved hood or bonnet in preference to the imitation of the gasoline hood. A few still continue the use of the false radiator and other imitations. The feeling is gaining ground that the electric roadster can stand on its own feet; that it has a legitimate place and that it will soon, as a city vehicle, become considered as seriously for general utility purposes as the gasoline roadster. Runabout prices hold close to \$2,500, with one or two getting as low as \$2,250 and others climbing to \$2,600 and \$2,800. The steering wheel is popular on this type. Among the concerns listing roadsters are Argo, Borland, Buffalo, Columbus, Church-Fields, Detroit, Rauch & Lang, Waverley, Woods, Fritchlie and Electra.

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Forgetting for the moment the body and looking at the chassis, a rather unknown factor in some electrics, it is seen that engineers have been busy so that now the glib-tongued salesman can talk chassis mechanics to the male buyer as well as his cousin salesman disposing of gasoline machines. Wheelbases are longer; this is due to larger bodies such as limousines and bigger brougham designs. The Borland limousine wheelbase is 123 inches, a full-grown gasoline vehicle measurement. The more general dimensions are 100 to 110 inches for this body type. For broughams 92 and 96 are popular lengths but a few bodies for all facing-forward are from 100 to 110 inches. Argo and Waverley use specially long wheelbases on all of their models. For roadsters 90 to 92 inches is the general

Wide Options on Tires

Makers are giving the widest options on tires, fourteen, or over one-half the companies, putting tires in the optional column. Cushion tires are listed exclusively by Grinnell and Chicago; and on parts of the models by Waverley and Woods. Pneumatics are listed exclusively by Bailey, Baker, Buffalo, Dayton, Flanders, Hupp-Yeats, and Standard. Solid tires are listed on some models by Borland and Woods. So great is the variation in tires listed that it is quite impossible to draw definite conclusions. Different conditions of

streets in different cities are factors in determining the tire equipment.

Shaft drive is gaining, in fact there are not over a couple of concerns that are today listing chain-driven models. The motor is generally mounted under the center of the body, or as is the case with a few immediately in front of the back axle and a unit with it. Where the motor is separate from the axle a propeller shaft with or without universal joints is used.

Gear Reductions

Several makers continue to use two gear reductions between the motor and axle, but the tendency is to use but a single reduction of say 4 to 1 or 5 to 1 and make this between the bevel pinion and differential in the axle. In differentiating between a single reduction and two reductions it is accepted practice to designate the vehicle with one reduction as having direct shaft drive the same as in the gasoline vehicle field, in contrast with the other class designated shaft drive with reductions.

Hupp-Yeats, Argo and Flanders mount the motor as a unit with the axle and so eliminate the drive shaft entirely. Each has but a single gear reduction between the motor and the differential. Flanders uses a worm-driven axle, the others bevel driven. Some concerns, in which the motor is not a unit with the rear axle and in which there is but a single gear reduction between the motor and the axle, are: Detroit, 5 to 1 reduction; Chicago, 5 1/13 to 1; Buffalo, 4 to 1; Grinnell, 4½ to 1; Ohio, 4 to 1; and there may be others, but information is not available on them.

Placing Reductions

Where two reductions are used it is conventional practice to place one between the motor, or armature shaft, and the propeller shaft; and the other in the axle. Silent chain and herringbone gears are the most popular for reduction between the motor and the propeller shaft; and bevel pinion and gear in the axle. In the Standard the two reductions are in the axle, one by spur and the other by bevel.

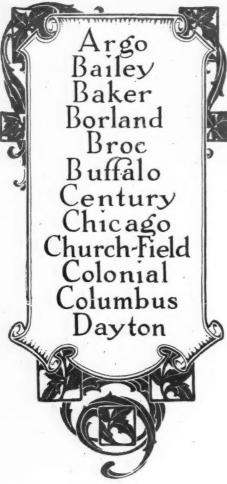
The I-beam front axle has made marked gains; the dropped frame is working at its debut; three-quarter elliptic springs are receiving attention; and wire wheels are exhibited by a few enterprising makers.

In a cursory glance at commercial elec-

trics a few trends appear in addition to the major one of marketing larger-carrying-capacity models. Chain drive continues in the van but the aggressiveness of bevel and worm exponents in the gasoline field is evidencing itself in the electrics. Worm drive is fitted on two models of the Commercial truck, bevel on the Argo and Waverley; spur on four Commercial Truck models; and internal gear on five Walker models in which the motor is incorporated in the axle housing. The Couple Gear uses the motor within the wheel. Baker on its new 3.5-ton model incloses the driving chains so that they operate in an oil bath. In a word, inclosed drive, in one form or another, is asserting itself as forcibly as in the gasoline field.

Manufacturers of commercial electric vehicles are striving to give the business world as much for the money as possible. It is noticeable this year that carrying space has been increased as much as possible, conductive with sound mechanical ideas, and that the education of the employer as well as the driver in the care of the machine is being pushed with vigor, to the benefit of both maker and buyer.





By M. C. Horine

A ROUSED to the possibilities of future conquests, the electric vehicle business is an awakening giant. A little brother to the immense industry that gasoline motor car building has become, the electric vehicle business has gradually risen from obscurity to a position of real significance in the commercial world.

This has not been due solely to the tireless efforts of designers, to the ceaseless toil of the builders, nor to the ingenuity and enterprise of the salesmen. The manufacturer has, by careful management, judicious buying, and systematization of factory processes, succeeded in introducing economy into the production, materially cutting the price to the consumer, and bringing electric vehicles within the reach of a greater number of people. The advertiser, by a two-sided study of both the needs of the purchaser and the lore of the engineer, has conducted campaigns of educational advertising that have kept the public posted as to the progress of the business.

Growth of the Industry

Associations, formed for the mutual benefit of all parties interested, have enabled competing manufacturers to co-operate to the benefit of all, and to establish standards that greatly enhance the field of utility of the electric vehicle, facilitate its maintenance and repair, and place their merchan-

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dising on a sounder and more rational basis. Lastly, the central stations, the purveyors of the indispensable heart's blood of the machine, have awakened to the benefits accruing to themselves by the wholesale market for electricity in the crude, opened up by the electric carriage and truck.

Improving Mechanical Details

Designers have gotten away from the toy-like productions of the past, and are building not only larger and more luxurious vehicles, better fit for the street and roadway as well as for the boulevard, but there is a noticeable tendency among the majority of builders to bring the cars closer to the ground, and to increase the size of wheels. The road clearance has not been lowered, however, in the process, but with the lowest parts remaining stationary, the other portions of the vehicle have been brought down to their level, with the result of increased grace of contour, enhanced ease of riding, greater stability and a wider margin of safety.

Greater refinement is to be noticed in the design of mechanical details, tending to lessened friction, improve the balance, lessen sound, and give greater convenience of control, and higher efficiency. Body types have been greatly beautified, the unsightly angles and excessive decoration of the panels having given place to smooth flush sides, impressing one with grace of intrinsic form and proportion, rather than of gaudy decoration. Accessories have undergone changes in appearance, being now integral parts of the car, unobtrusively countersunk in its panels, and not attached by a multiplicity of bolts and screws, each of its own type.

New Body Types Offered

Among the new body types, the frontfacing brougham, often termed limousine, is prominent. Various and ingenious are the seating arrangements, some with a single seat in the rear for two or three persons, a stationary seat forward for the driver, and a revolving auxiliary chair; others with movable control units, so that the car may be controlled from either the front or rear seat, others with four individual chairs, and still others with fullfledged limousines and berlines. The conventional brougham, with facing seats, is still in evidence, as is the single-seated coupe. Open bodies seem to be coming back into popularity.

Standardization has now become the rule with electric builders. Charging plugs will in future be uniform, so that the owner

of an electric vehicle may have it charged at any charging station; wheelbases are settling down to a standard of about 96 inches, which simplifies manufacture and enables garage builders to allow for storage space with a reasonable amount of accuracy, and perhaps more significant than either of these is the standardization of batteries. Forty-cell batteries, divided in two trays seem to be standard with the majority of builders. S. A. E. standards are followed in mechanical details by most builders.

Dissension and internal stress in electric vehicle trade circles seems to be disappearing, thanks to the efforts of the Electric Vehicle Association of America. Makers and dealers alike have recognized that negative sales and advertising methods, disparaging of each other's practices result in the instillation of distrust in the minds of buyers.

Central Station Men Help

By means of cooperation, much of mutual benefit has been accomplished. Not the least of these accomplishments is the winning over of the central station men, who, formerly blind to the opportunity offered by them, now recognize the electric vehicle, where prevalent, as the source of their greatest income, proportionate with the investment required. In pursuance of these facts, central stations are beginning to realize the advertising and profitable moral effect of replacing their own horses with electric cars, to say nothing of the inherent economy of the power vehicle.

But the development of the electric has not been entirely a moral one. New territory has been entered, and a remarkable growth has been made by the industry in the past year, and particularly in the last 6 months. In round numbers, 10,000 electric cars were built in 1912, of which number 6,000 were pleasure cars, and 4,000 trucks. This production is about one-third of all electrics now in service in this country. There is a slight increase in the proportion of commercial electrics, as it is estimated that of the present 30,000 electric vehicles in the United States, 10,000 are of the commercial type.

Output Greatly Increased

The 1912 output represents a 125 percent increase in numbers over the output of 1911 and the year previous. It is predicted for 1913 that the increase will be still more acute, and it is not too much to believe that the dawn of 1914 will see 30,000 electric pleasure cars and 15,000 commercials added

They Should Be

to the number in use in America. The geographical distribution is not even, as the great majority of electric commercial trucks are in service east of the Alleghany mountains, while of the pleasure cars, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and California undoubtedly lead in the number in use.

ARGO

BUT one model of Argo pleasure cars is to appear for 1913. This will be provided with two bodies, the first a brougham and the second a roadster. The difference between this model and that of last year consist of the substitution of an I-beam front axle for the tubular type formerly used, the employment of radius rods in the propulsion to relieve the springs of driving stress, and minor refinements throughout.

A fore-drive feature is offered on the brougham models. On the fore-drive model the battery has been separated into two tiers, one being carried in a small projection at the rear, and the forward hood slightly raised. The same forty-cell battery is used on all models as formerly. Body types designated as model A have a passenger capacity of four, and those styled model B afford accommodations for five adults.

BAILEY

Two body styles on two chassis are offered as the 1913 Bailey line, these styles consisting of a roadster and a victoria pheaton, called the Queen Victoria model. The former seats two passengers, while the latter seats three side by side. The wheelbase of the roadster is 106 inches, and that of the victoria is 82 inches. The distinctive Bailey features of low construction, wheel steer, and threepoint suspension are retained as in former years. Pneumatic tires are used on both models, 32 by 31/2 front and 33 by 4 rear on the roadster, and 34 by 31/2 on the victoria. Edison batteries are used on both chassis, that of the roadster being of fifty-two plates, and of the victoria, fiftyfour plates.

The front of the car is hung on a transverse semi-elliptic spring; the ends secured near the steering knuckles and the center to a ball-and-socket joint on the front of the frame, which is of steel-reinforced wood. The rear of the chassis is hung upon elliptic springs. This three-point suspension permits the displacement of the front axle as in passing over obstruc-

tions, without subjecting the frame to undue stresses.

The ball and socket is above the center of weight, which is quite low, so that in rounding curves the body tends to lean inwards, which constitutes a factor of safety. The floor is low, and the passage is wide, making entry and exit easy. Control is by a lever on the inclined steering wheel, and by a foot switch and brake. The front hood is given a graceful curve which reduces wind-resistance.

BAKER

EATURES of especial interest in connection with the Baker electric for 1913 are the new body designs, a new controller, a new lighting arrangement, and a longer wheelbase on some of the models. Models VA and VAF are new forward-facing coupes, the first of this type that the Baker company has brought out. This model is provided with swivelled front seats which may face in any direction, the drive being from the rear seat. The body lines and design of this car are different from 1912. The car has a longer wheelbase, is lower and larger. A full limousine back is embodied in the design, that eliminates the ungainly square corner at the rear. An option of wheel or lever steer is offered, and the windshield is divided, permitting rain vision opposite the driver, with the other window closed.

The roof has been designed along French lines so water never is shed over the door, and a new step of metal wider than formerly is fitted. The new lighting arrangement consists of an arrangement whereby the dome light is lighted when the doors are open, but is switched off when the doors are closed. Provision is made, however, to permit it to be left lighted with the door closed, if desired. A new controller with a horizontal lever is used in the new model, which permits it to be folded out of the way, consumes no seat room, and is said to make accidental reversing impossible. In addition is a twopassenger victoria on a small chassis, continued from last year.

BORLAND

B ORLAND electrics will appear in five models for 1913, model 41, the brougham of last year being the only continuation. Model 45 is a new model built on the same chassis as model 41, but being provided with a semi-colonial coupe body. Model 50 also is a new model, with chassis identical except for an increase of wheel-

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base from 93 inches to 96 inches, accommodating a large colonial coach body. Model 52 is mounted on the same chassis as the roadster type, while model 60 is an entirely new model, although built along the same lines as other types. It has a wheelbase of 123 inches. The characteristic Borland features are the same in all models, each of which uses shaft drive exclusively.

Tires are optional on models XLI and 45, Colonial broughams, while on model 41, the front-facing brougham, solids only are regularly provided. Model 60, the sevenpassenger limousine, is equipped with pneumatics.

BROC

F IVE models will be produced by the Broc Electric Vehicle Co., model 20, a stanhope, model 21, a victoria, model 28, a standard type brougham, model 29, a front-facing brougham, and model 31, a forward drive brougham. Mechanical features remain practically unchanged from last year, the changes in the line being confined to small body refinements, the dropping of the roadster model and the six-passenger brougham, and the addition of model 31, in response to the demand for a front-drive car.

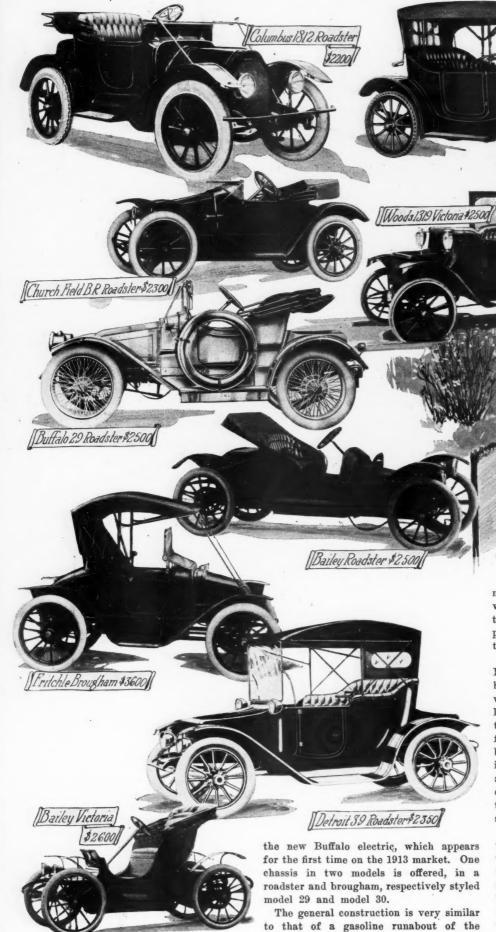
BUFFALO

O NE of a number of cars which indicate in their design a growing tendency to emulate in the design of electrics the characteristics of gasoline vehicles, is

latest type; a deep cowl shrouds the dash,

merging into the body lines through the

Argo B Roadster \$2500



medium of curved door tops; a practical windshield, full lamp equipment and a tire holder on the left running-board complete the equipment. The wheel and controls are a man's size.

The distinctive features are the sloping French hood, and the commodious tool boxes on the running boards. Wood wheels, with 34 by 4½ pneumatic tires, are regularly supplied on this car, but at an additional cost of \$100, wire wheels will be furnished. A forty-two-cell Philadelphia battery, carried in the hood forward and in a box at the rear, furnishes current for a motor of special design that is said to develop 20 horsepower. The drive from the motor is direct through a propeller shaft to the rear axle.

No universal joints are used, the motor, torsion tube and axle being a rigid unit, with the motor supported on flexible trunnions. An option of wheel or lever steer is offered, both types being irreversible. The control is by a controller handle, at the side of the driver, and a foot pedal which cuts off the power and sets the brake. The pedal operates the controller, high speed being the normal position, and



off being reached just before the brake takes hold, permitting coasting. Model 30 B is a special model brougham, with front drive.

CENTURY

MANUFACTURERS for 1913 are all trying to bring their centers of weight closer to the ground, and a contrast between the models shown at the 1913 shows with those of a few years ago will prove how universal is the trend towards greater stability. The Century electric, a Detroit product first introduced a year ago, has an underslung frame. This permits the door to be cut quite low, it permits ample headroom without raising the roof too much, and the manner in which the body nestles deep within the guards lends this car a grace all its own.

The car is built in liberal dimensions, and the low suspension permits the use of large wheels and high clearance. The frame is suspended from half-elliptic springs in front and platform springs aft, while the 36-inch wheels allow a 12inch clearance. The wheelbase is 98 inches. The motor is suspended on a subframe, slightly forward of the car center, and drives by shaft to the differential direct without secondary reduction. Thirty thirteen-plate exide cells compose the battery, which is carried fore and aft. A feature of the body is a drop front windshield. The front axle is a straight tube, and the rear axle is of the floating type. A standard five-passenger brougham body is fitted to this chassis.

CHICAGO

THE Chicago electric is a newcomer, having appeared late in the 1912 season. The 1913 models are so very little different from the initial production of this car that such changes as have been made are not apparent. Two models are produced, model 132, with a front drive and accommodations for five, and model 131, with a rear seat drive seating five passengers. These cars are built to conform to the requirements of solid tires. They are identical in chassis features, with the single exception of wheelbase, model 131 having a 96-inch wheelbase, and model 132 a 104-inch wheelbase.

The battery is carried in front and behind in the usual manner, and consists of forty eleven-plate cells, said to be sufficient for 100 miles of travel. The motor lever steer. A Westinghouse continuoustorque type of controller, with magnetic blowout is used.

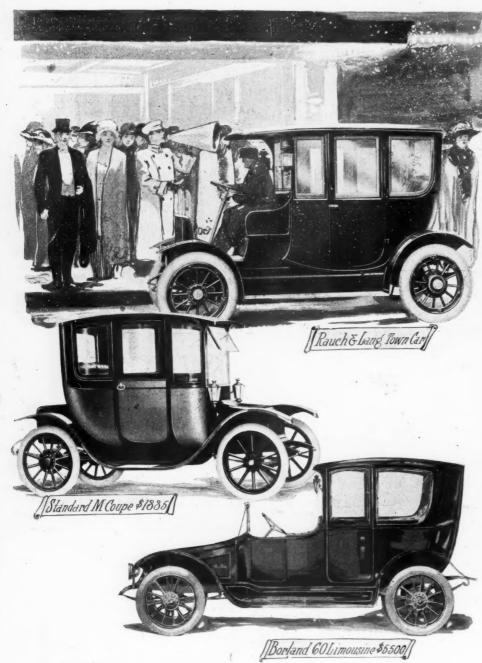
Bodies on Chicago electrics consist of a limousine in which the battery box has been eliminated, and a five-passenger brougham. The limousine is fitted with arched doors which provide additional head room, and drain the water to either side of the door in wet weather. Model 131 has its seats facing, and is very similar to the limousine, except that the drive is from the front seat in the latter. It is said that with a 104-inch wheelbase, model 132 may be turned in a 38-foot street.

COLONIAL

DETROIT has produced another elec-tric of standard construction and medium price. This is the Colonial. One chassis of this car is produced, having a 93-inch wheelbase and 32 by 4-inch tires, elliptic rear springs and semi-elliptic front springs are used, and shaft drive to the floating axle. A five-passenger brougham body is fitted, which is specially arranged

COLUMBUS

COLUMBUS electric, model 1234, the latest design that has been introduced by the Columbus Buggy Co., is a fourpassenger brougham, fitted with a corner



seat at the front to the left, opposite the driver, and a revolving seat on the right side. Model 1250 is built along colonial lines, all passengers facing forward, drive being from the left front seat. Both this and the new models are fitted with special motors of higher power than formerly provided, which are said to have increased the ability and mileage of the cars. Model 1230 is a two-passenger colonial coupe, and model 1218, a gentlemen's roadster. Model 1204 is an open stanhope with a seating capacity of four passengers, facing. The roadster appeals to the male user because of its resemblance to gasoline cars.

CHURCH-FIELD

D IFFERING radically from other electrics in many respects, the Church-Field electric is offered for 1913 for the first time, having been introduced in 1912, but sufficiently late in the season to be

considered an advance 1913 production. Such changes as have been made subsequently are only in the nature of slight refinements.

This construction does not lower the clearance below that commonly allowed, although the center of weight is carried lower. This construction also permits straight-line drive.

The most distinctive feature of this car is its underslung frame, by which a low center of weight is achieved, and allowing the body to be carried high enough for a good view and cleanliness, without topheaviness. The front of the chassis is suspended on semi-elliptic springs, while the rear spring is a special design of inverted elliptic spring, with the shorter leaves within the ellipse, which is claimed to produce, with the underslung suspension, great ease of riding, and to constitute in itself a shock absorber.

Another feature is a planetary gearset, which makes it possible for this electric to negotiate hills and hard going in a low gear, without fear of burning out the windings, nor with an extravagant waste of current. Control of this car is by means of a controller on top of the steering wheel of the roadster and on the lever of the brougham, which provides ten speeds forward.

DETROIT

S OMETHING new is introduced in the electric field for 1913 by the Anderson Electric Car Co. in the form of the new clear-vision brougham models. Model 42 is the leader of this series. It is of the front-view fourpassenger type, the walls being composed almost wholly of glass. The pillars at the front are of light steel, and very narrow, so that practically no obstruction to the vision is offered by them. The front windows are of curved glass, while the rounded corners at the rear quarters are also single panes of curved glass. The entire back wall is a single pane of glass. The driver's seat on this model is on the left side, in front, and is still sufficiently back to ride easily, and to preserve a balanced appearance, with only the driver riding. The roofs of the 1913 cars will be of aluminum, thus insuring them against leaking, and lightening them considerably.

Other types include a women's victoria and a men's roadster in open bodies. These will be styled models 40 and 39, respectively. Model 37 is a larger edition of model 42, having seats for five passengers, and a wheelbase of 104 inches, instead of 96 inches as on model 42. Model 35 is of the standard extension brougham type with seats opposite, but having the clear-vision feature embodied in its construction.

There are three models which do not embody this feature of construction.

Model 36 is a slightly smaller model of the same type, while model 38 is a coupe built on the same chassis as the open roadster. Model 41 is a seven-passenger berline limousine, the body of which follows the lines of gasoline closed cars very closely. Option of lead or Edison batteries is offered at a difference in cost on all models except the limousine, which is supplied with the Edison battery only.

ELECTRA

ISTED as the lowest-priced electric on the American market the Electra is the product of the Storage Battery Power Co. It appears as a two-passenger roadster, the battery of sixteen cells being carried under the front hood. This hood is modeled after those found on gasoline cars, and the motor is carried under the seat, driving direct through spur gears.

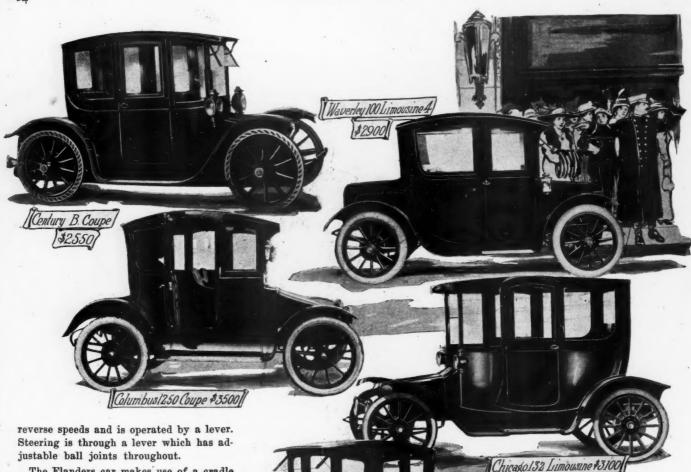
of 135 ampere-hours. The controller is of

the drum type having six forward and



Waverley 97 Brougham \$2375

to A Brougham \$2800



The Flanders car makes use of a cradle spring suspension, for which many claims ! for easy riding are made. There are two internal expanding brakes lined with asbestos which operate by food pedals. The emergency brake is equipped with a locking device and is interconnected with the control so that when it is applied the current is automatically cut off. Bodies are of two types-a victoria and a colonial coupe. The equipment of the two is identical, the victoria being fitted with fore-doors. Both bodies are made of wood. The coupe seats five or six.

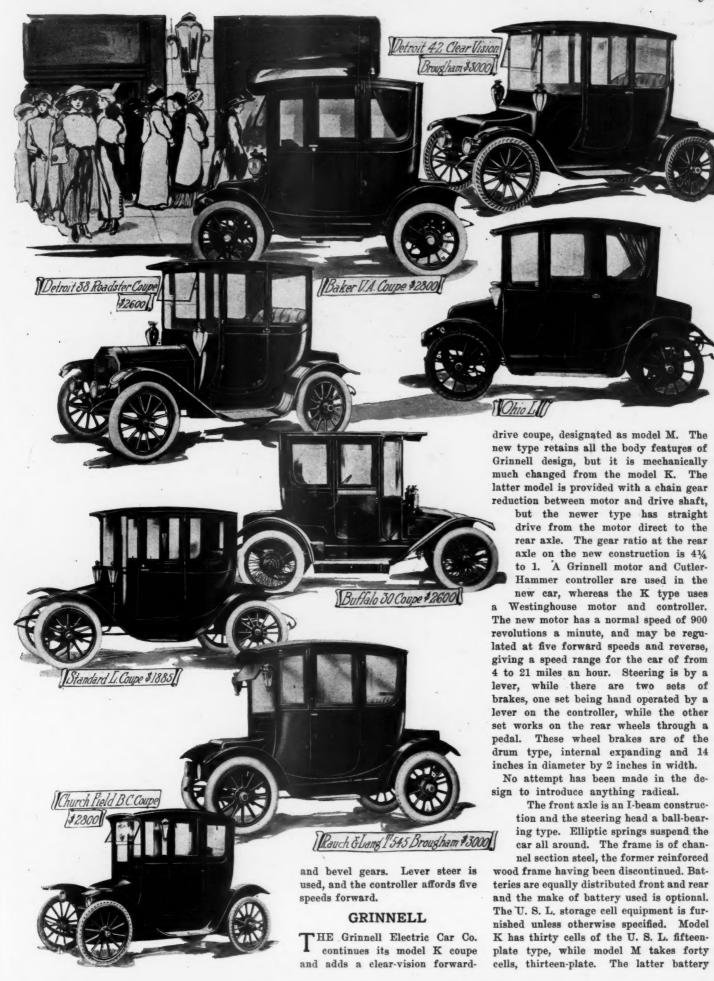
FRITCHLE

FOUR models of the Fritchle are made, three of which are built on the same chassis. The brougham, a new model seating five passengers, all facing forward, is built upon an 86-inch wheelbase, which otherwise is identical with the 88-inch wheelbase chassis used on the coupe, runabout and roadster. The coupe seats four, the runabout seats two, and the roadster seats four. The roadster is in reality a pheaton, having two seats with fore-doors.

The coupe is what is more commonly called a brougham, having two seats facing, while the brougham is in the usual parlance an electric sedan. Either cushion or pneumatic tires, 34 by 31/2, will be fitted to Fritchle cars. The battery used is made by the makers of the cars, and is claimed to give a touring radius of 100 miles, the Denver concern being one of the pioneers in the production of an elec-

trie of such capacity. The battery consist of but thirty-two cells, which give 140 amperehours. The motor, too,



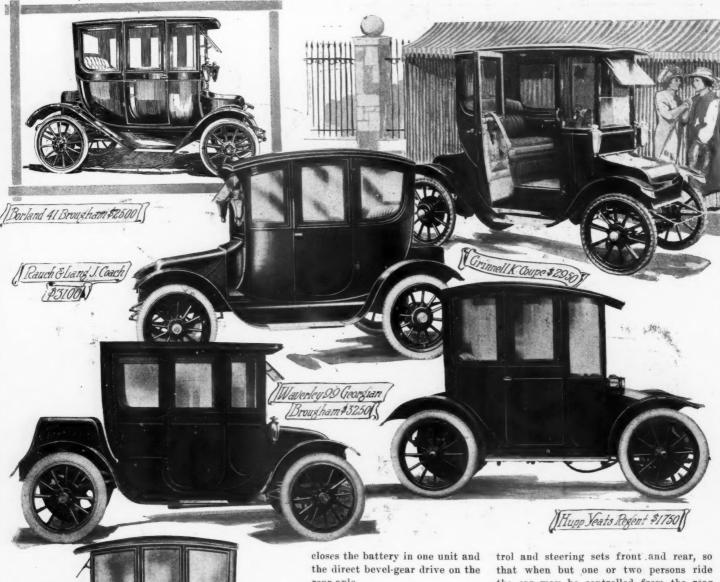


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The wheelbase of this car is 86 inches and 33 by 4-inch pneumatic tires are standard equipment. The battery is of twenty-seven cells exide, with an ampere-hour capacity of 135, and a running radius of 75 miles per charge. The body floor is very low, being in fact, the lowest portion of the car. It is or a level with the running boards, which are about curb-high.

The roof is sufficiently high to make entry and exit easy, while the sides and roof slope towards a front pane of comparatively small surface. This in combination with the sloping hood decrease the wind-resistance. Five speeds are afforded by the controller, which is of the continuous-torque, drum type, operated by a side-lever and located beneath the seat.

OHIO

OHIO electrics have several new and patented features on the 1913 models, the large cars being equipped with the double-drive device which was introduced last year. This consists of duplicate conthe car may be controlled from the rear seat, but when more than this number are carried, the driver may sit in front.

The smaller model is not equipped with this feature. This control system has been further improved by taking all control levers and buttons away from the seat, the complete operating assembly being mounted on the steering mast. The new system employs a large knurled rubber knob, which is turned to the front to obtain all speeds forward, and backwards to reverse the car. Accidental reversal is prevented by a small latch which must be released by pressing a button to bring the reverse switch into play. The connection between this and the controller is electric, so that the knob turns quite easily. A Yale lock on this control assembly may be brought into play to secure the car against theft, when in neutral position.

A small button on its case operates the magnetic brake on the motor. Two sets of friction brakes are operated by foot pedals on the floor. Two sets of resistance are used, one of which is situated in the dash of the body, and may be cut into the circuit to heat the car in cold weather. The motor on the new models

has a capacity of 180 ampere-hours, making model M capable of doing from 90 to 100 miles on a charge. Tires are 34 by 4 inches all around. The wheelbase of model K is 94 inches and that of model M is 100 inches in length.

[Woods 1322 Browsham \$3600]

HUPP-YEATS

ONE model of the Hupp-Yeats line, the Patrician, has been dropped. This model was larger than the original Regent which still survives. The Regent shows only minor detail modifications. The lowswung coupe body, with its curved sides and low, sloping roof are retained, as is the French-type hood forward, which in-

MO.TOR AGE

drives direct, instead of through a secondary chain reduction, the same globe mounting on the drive shaft being used.

There are no universals in the shaft, but the globe support is placed between the axle and the motor, so the weights of the motor and the driveshaft and differential about balance, taking much unsprung weight from the axle. The motor is larger than last year, of the slow-speed type, although it produces no more power. The extra weight is compensated for by the elimination of the secondary trans-

The battery is of forty thirteen-plate high-rib cells, which require no washout, instead of the high-cap low-rib batteries used last year. The tires are 41/2 inches in tread this year instead of 4 inches as formerly. The wheelbase is 100 inches on both models, instead of 90 inches on one and 102 on the other. The bodies have been slightly enlarged and the general features refined.

RAUCH & LANG

N EW models brought out by the Rauch & Lang company are the town car, model TC; the two broughams, models T and C, and the revised model of the demibrougham of last year, which will be known as model DB in 1913. Model J coach, with all seats facing forward is continued from last season, with several improvements, one of which is the option of wheel or lever steer. Model B, the standard brougham, is practically identical with former productions, except as to a slight change in body lines. Other types are model CR, a two-passenger coupe, and model R, a two-passenger roadster. All models have been made slightly longer, and increased inside room provided.

STANDARD ELECTRIQUE

S its name implies, the Standard electric is built up of standard features in the main, but several special features nevertheless are to be noticed. One of these in the rear system, which is a solid unit including the motor, axle, shaft and torsion tube, without universal joints. The shaft drives a bevel gear, on the hub of which is a spur pinion, in mesh with the large gear ring of the differential. The motor is supported on a gimble ring, similar to the suspension of a compass binnacle. None of the battery is carried under the seats, but is carried in two sets, in front and behind. No noticeable changes have been made over last year's production.

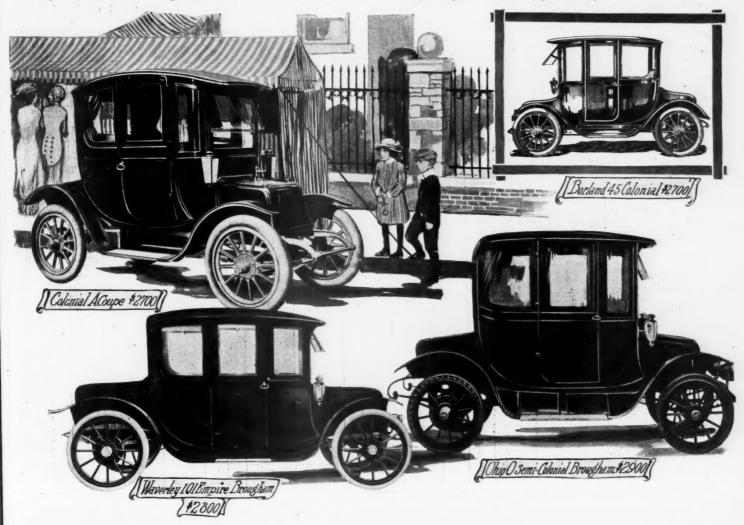
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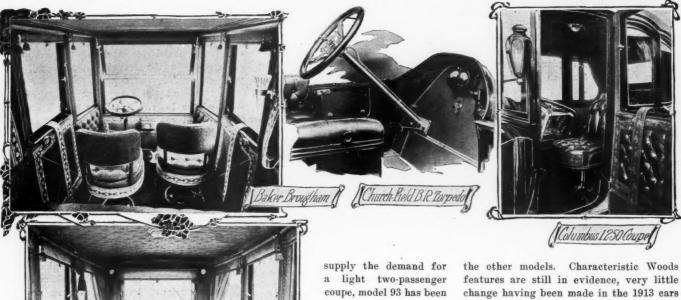
THREE models of Waverley electrics are continued from 1912, five are added, and two have been dropped. The latter two are models 88 and 91, four-pas-

senger brougham, of the standard type. One of the new models is the linousine four, model 100, which uses separate Pullman chairs for each of the occupants. three in the rear being arranged, with the middle one slightly behind the other two, and the front seat set cornerwise of the body. This body affords an individual chair for each occupant, and yet brings them in sociable proximity to each other. Commodious package-carrying space is provided behind the two side seats.

Another is the Georgian brougham, which is distinctly novel in design. This model is an extension brougham, with a French-type hood in front and a high battery box in the rear, which slopes out at the base on all sides, independent of the body. The Empire brougham is of the ordinary extension brougham seating arrangement, but owing to its low suspension, and simple continuous lines, it presents a solid and substantial feeling appearance that marks an advance over former productions of this type.

The Colonial brougham is similar to this model, except that the colonial spirit has been carried out in a compound curve at the rear, and an arched roof. Of the continued models, model 98, the limousine five is the leader, while model 90, the sheltered, gasoline-type roadster and model





96 victoria are little different from the corresponding models of the year past. To

added to the Waverley line.

WOODS

W OODS electrics are made in six models for the new season. Models 1317, 1320, 1321, and 1323 are all constructed on the same

chassis, while 1322 has a wheelbase of 102 inches as against the 92-inch wheelbase on

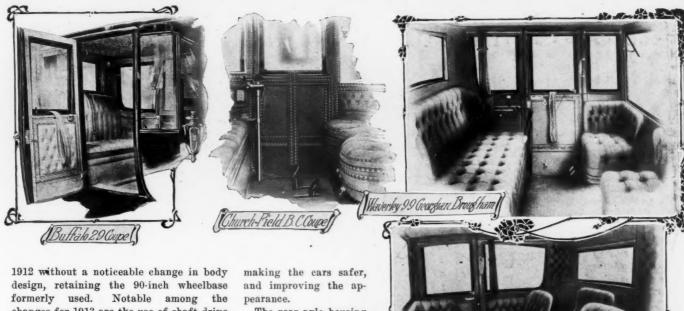
to distinguish them from those of 1912, except in the body lines, which have been greatly refined. Model 1319 is an open roadster seating five passengers. Model 1320 is a two-passenger roadster, which follows somewhat the lines of gasoline cars.

The forward hood has been constructed to imitate the bonnet of a gasoline car. Models 1317 and 1321 are of the conventional brougham type, the latter model being driven from the front seat. Model 1316 is the only model continued from

SPECIFICATIONS OF AMERICAN ELECTRIC PLEASURE CARS FOR 1913

						TIRES		В	ATTERY				
Name and Model	Body Style	Price	Seats	Wheel- base	Kind	Front	Rear	Make and Number of Cells	AmpHr. Capacity	Mileage per Charge	Make of Motor	Final Drive	No. Forw'd Speeds
Argo, B	Roadster Brougham Limousine	2,500 2,800 3,250	4 4 5	108 108 110	Optional Optional Optional	Optional Optional Optional	Optional Optional Optional	Exide 40 Exide 40 Exide 40	135 135 135	75-100 75-100 75	Westinghouse. Westinghouse. Westinghouse.	Bevel Bevel	5 5 5
Bailey, Roadster Bailey, Victoria Phaeton	Roadster	2,500 2,600	2 3	106 82	Pneumatic . Pneumatic .	32x3½ 34x3½	33x4 34x3½	Edison 52 Edison 54	· 225 150	90-100 75-90	Gen. Electric Gen. Electric	Chain	6
Baker, V-A Baker Baker	Coupe	2,800 3,100 2,000	4 5 2	88 92 80	Pneumatic . Pneumatic . Pneumatic .	32x4 34x4 32x3}	32x4 34x4 ¹ / ₃ 32x3 ¹ / ₂	Exide 32 Exide 42 Exide 28	130 140 128	65-100 65-100 65-100	Gen. Electric Gen. Electric Gen. Electric	Chain Chain	6 6 6
Borland, L	Colonial	2,500 2,500 2,500 2,700 5,500	5 3 5 5 7	96 96 93 93 123	Optional Optional Solid Optional Pneumatic	34x4 34x4 32x4 32x4 36x5	34x4 34x4 32x4 34x4 36x5	Exide 40 Exide 40 Exide 40 Exide 40 Exide, 140 Exide, 44	112 112 116 116 240	75 75 60 60 100	Gen. Electric Gen. Electric Gen. Electric Gen. Electric Gen. Electric	Bevel Chain Chain Chain	6 6 6
Broc, 20	Stanhope Brougham Brougham Brougham	2,100 3,000 3,100 3,500	2 5 5 5	84 96 96 96	Optional Optional Optional Optional	Optional Optional Optional Optional	Optional Optional Optional Optional	Exide 28 Exide 40 Exide 40 Exide 40	135 135 135 135	75 90 90 90	Westinghouse. Westinghouse. Westinghouse. Westinghouse.	Bevel Bevel Bevel	5 5 5 5
Buffalo, 29 Buffalo, 30	Roadster Coupe	2,600 2,600	2 4	100 100	Pneumatic . Pneumatic .	34x4½ 34x4½	34x41 34x41	Phila, 42 Phila, 42	140 140	50 50	Diehl	Bevel	4 4
Century, B	Brougham	2,550	5	98	Optional	Optional	Optional	Exide, 36	150	65-100	Westinghouse.	Bevel	6
Chicago, 131	Coupe Limousine	2,800 3,100	5 5	96 104	Cushion	36x4½ 36x4½	36x4½ 36x4½	Exide 40	140 140	100 95	Westinghouse.	Bevel	5 5
Church-Field, B-R Church-Field, B-C	Torpedo Coupe	2,300 2,800	2 5	100 100	Optional	36x4 36x4	36x4 36x4	Phila. 26 Phila. 24	216 230	75 75	Wagner	Bevel	10 10
Colonial, A	Coupe	2,700	4	96	Optional	Optional	Optional	Willard 40	160	70	Westinghouse.	Bevel	6
Columbus, 1250	Coupe		2	100 86 92 92 86 92	Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional	36x4 34x4 34x4 34x4 34x4 34x4	36x4 34x4 34x4 34x4 34x4 34x4	Exide 40 Exide 35 Exide 36 Exide 36 Exide 35 Exide 42	135 135 135 135 135 135	60-80 60-80 60-80 60-80 60-80	Gen. Electric. Gen. Electric. Gen. Electric. Gen. Electric. Gen. Electric. Gen. Electric.	Bevel Bevel Bevel Bevel	6 6 6 6 6
Detroit, 40 Detroit, 39 Detroit, 38 Detroit, 36 Detroit, 35, Detroit, 42 Detroit, 37 Detroit, 41		2,300 2,350 2,600 2,700 2,850 3,000 3,600 5,000	3 2 3 4 4 5 5 7	85 96 96 85 90 96 104 112	Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional			Optional	140 140 140 140 140 140 140 225	65-100 65-100 65-100 65-100 65-100 65-100 50-85 50-75	OwnO	Bevel Bevel Bevel Bevel Bevel Bevel Bevel	5 5 5 5 5

Note-Bevel, shaft drive with bevel gear reduction in rear axle; worm, shaft drive with worm gear reduction.



changes for 1913 are the use of shaft drive without universal joints, the motor being mounted on flexible trunnions, which allow for springing.

Drive from the motor to the shaft is by herringbone gears, and from the shaft to the differential by the usual bevel gear and pinion. By means of improved design and lighter materials the weight of all chassis has been pared down to a considerable extent. Suspension on all models except model 1316 is considerably lower,

The rear axle housing on the new models has been reinforced and provided with radius rods extending to the forward end of the torsion tube in the form of a V. New batteries are used, which do not require washing. These batteries are of

jars 11/4 inches higher than formerly, to

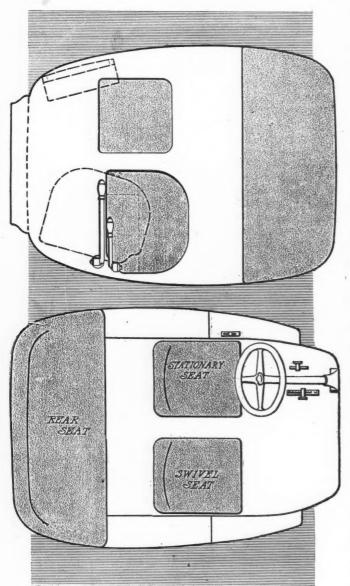
forty cells and eleven plates, placed in provide a 3-inch sediment space in the bottom of the jar.

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Name and Model	Body Style	Price	Seats)	Wheel- base	Kind	Front .	Rear	Make and Number of Cells	AmpereHr. Capacity	Mileage per Charge	Make of Motor	Final Drive	No. Forw d Speeds
Electra, C	Roadster	750	2	90	Optional	30x3	30x3	Haschke 20.	150-175	75–100	Own	Bevel	4
Dayton, 112	Coupe	2,600	4	86	Pneumatic	33x4	33x4	Exide 30	147	75-100	Westinghouse.	Bevel	5
Flanders	Victoria Colonial	2,200 2,500	4 5	100 100	Pneumatic . Pneumatic .	33x4 33x4	33x4 33x4	Own 30	135 135	75-100 75-100	Timmerman	Worm	6
Fritchle Fritchle Fritchle Fritchle	Brougham	3,600 3,000 2,400 2,500	5 4 2 4	86 88 88 88	Optional Optional Optional Optional	34x3½ 34x3½ 34x3½ 34x3½	34x31 34x31 34x31 34x31	Own 32 Own 32 Own 32 Own 32	140 140 140 140	100 100 100 100	OwnOwnOwn	Bevel Bevel Bevel	5 5 5 5
Grinnell, MGrinnell, K	Coupe	$^{2,800}_{2,950}$	5 5	94 96	Cushion	34x4 34x4	34x4 34x4	Optional Optional	180 185	100 85	Westinghouse. Westinghouse.	Bevel	. 5
Hupp-Yeates, Regent	Coupe	1,750	4	86	Pneumatic .	33x4	33x4	Exide 27	135	75	Westinghouse.	Bevel	5
Ohio, O	Colonial Brougham	2,900 3,200 3,200 3,500	5 5 5 5	96 96 96 96	Optional Optional Optional Optional	33x4 33x4 33x4 33x4	33x4 33x4 33x4 33x4	Exide 40 Exide 40 Exide 40	160 160 160 160	100 100 100 100	GrockWheel. CrockWheel. CrockWheel. CrockWheel.	Bevel Bevel Bevel	5 5 5 5
Phipps	Coupe	2,500	5	107	Optional	36x4	36x4	Exide 40	165	75-100	Westinghouse.	Bevel	5
Rauch & Lang, R-545 Rauch & Lang, CR-545 Rauch & Lang, DB-525 Rauch & Lang, BB-545 Rauch & Lang, C-545 Rauch & Lang, T-545 Rauch & Lang, T-545	Roadster	2,600 2,800 2,800 2,900 2,900 3,000 3,100	2 2 4 4 4 5 5	92½ 92½ 92½ 92½ 92½ 103	Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional	Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional	Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional	Exide 40	138 138 138 138 138 138 138	50 50 50 50 50 50 50	Hertner Hertner Hertner Hertner Hertner Hertner Hertner	Bevel Bevel Bevel Bevel Bevel	6 6 6 6 6
Standard, M	Coupe	1,885	4	96	Pneumatic .	32x31	33x4	Exide 30	138	75-100	Westinghouse.	Bevel	6
Waverley, 90 Waverley, 97 Waverley, 101 Waverley, 100 Waverley, 99 Waverley, 98	Roadster Brougham Brougham Limousine Brougham Limousine	2,250 2,3 7 5 2,800 2,900 3,250 3,500	3 4 4 4 4 5	104 104 106 106 109 109	Cushion Cushion Cushion Optional	Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional	Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional	Optional 34 Optional 40 Optional 40. Optional 40. Optional 40. Optional 40.	138 138 138 138 138 138	75 75 75 75 75 75 75	Own	Bevel Bevel Bevel Bevel Bevel	5 4 4 4 4
Woods, 1320 Woods, 1319 Woods, 1321 Woods, 1317 Woods, 1323 Woods, 1322	Victoria Brougham Brougham Brougham	2,400 2,500 2,700 2,700 3,100 3,600	2 4 5 4 5 5 5	92 92 92 92 92 92 102	Solid Solid	32x2\frac{1}{2} 32x2\frac{1}{2} 34x3\frac{1}{2}	34x2 34x2 34x2 34x2 34x2 38x4 40x4	Exide 40 Exide 40 Exide 40 Exide 40 Exide 40 Own 42	140 140 140 140 140 140	80 80 80 80 80 80	Own. Own. Own. Own. Own. Own.	Bevel Bevel Bevel Bevel Bevel	5 5 5

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Art of Comfortably Seating Passengers



CHICAGO FRONT-DRIVE BROUGHAM ARGO FRONT-DRIVE BROUGHAM

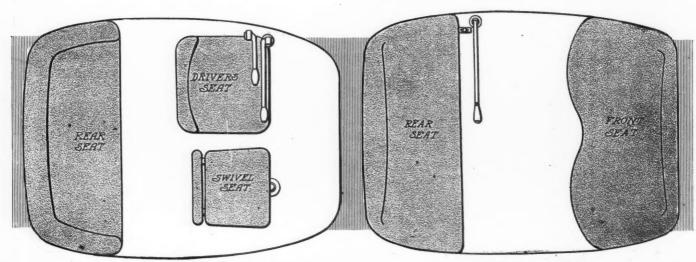
In variety and completeness of equipment, motor vehicle coach-builders have fairly outdone themselves in the design of 1913 electric bodies. There is a well defined cause for the unparalleled acceleration of development in this line which we now are witnessing, as there is for every improvement. In this case this highly commendable result is due to the mechanical evolution of the electric vehicle, which has enabled it to widen its sphere of application, and to appeal to a larger class of buyers.

Improved batteries, improved motors, and improved transmission arrangements, have so enhanced the efficiency and ability of the electric pleasure car that a class of buyers, hitherto unknown to the trade, has been attracted. This class comprises those users of motor cars who do not care to employ a chauffeur, and desire a motor car as a means of transportation and social convenience—a buying public that wishes to enjoy the maximum of comfort in rapid and convenient transit, with the least attention to the mechanical aspects of the car. Finally, this class of buyers demands more than the simple victoria or coupe, with which former buyers were content. The car that caters to this class must have the capacity of a touring car, with the simplicity of the electric.

Last year saw several examples of front-facing four and fivepassenger broughams, most of which are to be seen again on the 1913 market. New styles have been evolved, however, that surpass in convenience and economy of room all previous productions. There are two general types of clear-view bodies, namely, bodies that enable the driver to obtain a clear and unobstructed view of the road ahead, as distinguished from the conventional two-seated brougham in which the front seats face the rear. The first of these is the front-drive brougham, sometimes called the limousine, but which is not, properly speaking, to be classed in that category. In this the driver occupies an individual seat at the front of the body, while at his side is an auxiliary chair, and behind him the main seat. The second type is the rear-drive type, in which the driver sits on the main seat, and the occasional seats in front are so arranged that their occupants do not obstruct the vision of the driver. This type has the advantage of a neater appearance when the driver rides alone.

In the front-drive type, one is apt to feel awkward sitting alone in the forward part of the car, while if seated in the rear, the absence of other occupants is not apparent, nor are the empty seats so noticeable to the operator. This may seem a trifle finely drawn, but it suffices to induce some manufacturers to produce separate models of each type to satisfy the preferences of those favoring either type.

One manufacturer has succeeded in embodying the good features of both types in one body by facing all passengers for-



DETROIT CLEAR-VISION BROUGHAM

STANDARD BROUGHAM

As Developed for Electric Car Users

ward, and fitting two control pillars, one for the left front seat, and one for the rear seat behind it. Another maker has designed a four-passenger body in which each passenger has a separate chair. Two of these are on the side, close to the middle of the car, one is between these but slightly behind them, and the fourth is in front, facing the left, so the passenger's body is out of the range of vision of the driver who is seated at the left.

In the first class is the Chicago electric. In this body the driver occupies a seat on the left side, forward of the main seat. This seat is on a pivot, and may be swung to the position shown by the broken lines, to permit the use of the left-hand door. The auxiliary chair on the right folds flat against the

Another of this type is the Argo, in which the driver sits to the left in a stationary seat, while the auxiliary chair is swung on a swivel, and in use is close to the driver. The seats in this car are quite well forward, foot-room being obtained by an extension cowl beyond the windshield. This affords access to the left door, and leaves an abundance of knee room for the occupants of the rear seat.

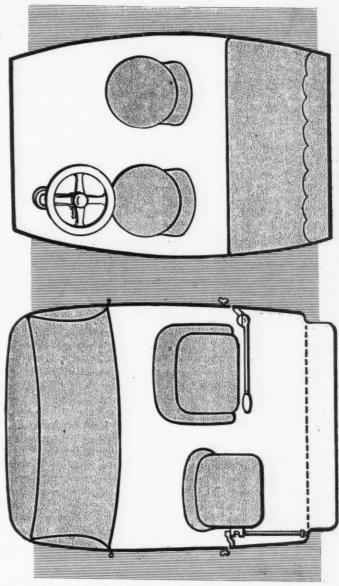
The Detroit is similar to these, except that the auxiliary chair is mounted on a pivot, and may be reversed, so that the occupant may face the rear. The Rauch & Lang that is shown has round, revolving chairs for both the driver and his companion, which may easily be turned out of the way to allow of entry

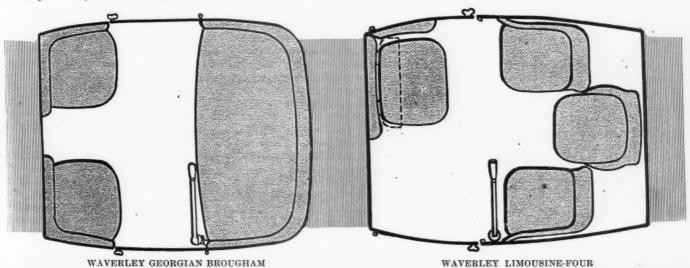
The Waverley brougham has the driver situated in a seat sufficiently in the rear to make the appearance graceful, still affording a passage to the rear for access to the left door. The auxiliary chair in this model is on a sliding rack, so that it may be pushed forward to permit entry and exit from the right, or to be reversed and slid forward, allowing the occupant to face

The Standard electric is a good example of the conventional brougham, while the Waverley Georgian brougham is a representative of the clear-view, rear-drive brougham. The front seats in this car are set cornerwise, so the bodies of the passengers are placed against the sides of the glass front, affording the driver a wide range of vision between them.

The Waverley limousine-four is one of the compromise types, the extra passenger sitting cornerwise, or sidewise, being so far to the right that he constitutes no impediment to the view of the operator.

A notable feature of the Detroit electric is the elimination of much of the solid paneling, especially on the corners. These have been replaced with curved glass panes, which in conjunct RAUCH & LANG FRONT-DRIVE BROUGHAM AND WAVERLEY LIMOUtion with greatly narrowed door frames and window frames, afford practically as clear a view as an open car.





Electric as the Gas Car's Side Partner

About 75 per cent of Chicago Electrics Complement to Gasoline Cars

CHICAGO, Dec. 30—A conservative estimate of the increase in the number of owners of gasoline cars who have purchased electric pleasure vehicles as a complement to the larger machines shows that whereas from 55 to 60 per cent of Chicago owners had electrics a year ago in connection with their gasoline cars, that at the present time this has been increased to from 70 to 75 per cent, with the prospect of an even greater increase during the next 12 months.

Chicago is conceded to be the electric stronghold of the country and of the 25,000 cars owned in this city, probably from 5,000 to 6,000 are electrics, of which some 200 are commercial machines. No other city in the United States can make this showing, although Chicago cannot boast of holding the per capita record. This, it is said, belongs to Cleveland, with Detroit a good second, and Rochester, Syracuse and Kansas City well to the front.

The reason for the supremacy of Chicago can be traced back to the early days of the industry. The Electric Vehicle Co., of Hartford, Conn., brought out the Columbia electric in 1893-94 and this was followed closely by the Waverley. In 1897 the Fischer Equipment Co., of Chicago, making electrics became the Woods company and at once there started a fight for Chicago trade. Outside makers, it is said, fought for a footing in Chicago and the Woods company made just as hard a fight in its own territory. The result was that Chicago at once became most prominent in the electric field, which position it has since maintained.

Outside of this, however, Chicago can thank its fine system of boulevards for the popularity of the electric. One can travel 45 miles around the boulevard system here, while the business district is so peculiarly situated that it lends itself to improving the electric situation in that it is an easy matter for the women folk to drive to the loop without having to fight their way through congested traffic. The roads, too, are level and in winter time the park commissioners see to it that the boulevards are kept free from snow.

As elsewhere, Chicagoans appreciate the economy of the electric when it is run in conjunction with a gasoline car. It is possible to dispense with the service of a chauffeur, the big gasoline car is saved useless running over short distances, while still another argument is that an electric keeps peace in the family in permitting the woman of the house to have a vehicle for her own use while friend husband is using the gasoline car.



St. Louis Promising Field

Electric Coupe and Small Gas Car Is the Favorite Combination

S T. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30—That the purchasers of pleasure vehicles in this territory are looking to the car for the woman as well as for the man is proven by the number of combination sales that have been made in the last year by the dealers who are handling both gasoline and electric pleasure cars.

It is safe to say that at least five out of every ten prospects consider the electric coupe and the small open gasoline car in preference to the high-priced gasoline car with two bodies—touring and limou-

H. G. Brouster, manager of the electric car department of the Park Automobile Co. of this city, is enthusiastic about the prospects for the coming year in electrics being sold in connection with small gasoline cars. This company is one of the largest dealers in gasoline and electric cars in St. Louis, handling the Chalmers and Baker electric.

According to Mr. Brouster, 40 per cent of the customers of his firm are users of the small gasoline car and electric coupe; and the idea is growing in favor with them all the time. He spoke of four customers of his firm who had been using a high-priced gasoline car with limousine and touring bodies and these when shown the saving and advantages of the combination, immediately did away with their chauffeurs and high-priced cars and purchased the combination.

This firm has about eighty coupes in this city and practically all of them are used in connection with a small gasoline car, and what, Mr. Brouster states, is proving the success of the combination idea is the fact that it is almost impossible to purchase a second-hand electric.

Service departments maintained by many of the dealers are doing much for the sale of electric cars in this territory.





New York Has Few Electrics Which Mostly Supplement Horse Service

N EW YORK, Dec. 30—According to careful canvasses of the situation, there are about 500 electric pleasure cars owned and operated in the metropolitan section. Compared with the distribution in Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis, the New York patronage of the electric pleasure vehicle is small. However, the recently formed local association has prepared plans to stimulate trade and the results of the campaign already are apparent. As to the ownership of the cars already distributed, the figures are as follows:

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Sixty-two of the reported sales this year were to customers already owning gasoline cars, indicating a greater tendency toward that class of business.

The selling of electrics in New York is kept distinct from the gasoline motor car business. Only three concerns handle gasoline and electric cars together. These are the Hupp-Yeats, Flanders and Rauch & Lang. The two former companies handle cars made by the same manufacturing companies that make gasoline cars and the latter company is housed in the same store with a gasoline car agency. The Baker, Rauch & Lang and Detroit all report a shortage of cars and delivery is deferred on current orders for from 6 to 10 weeks.

The customers who buy electrics range all the way from the man who has a family of daughters and who purchased five electric cars in one order and who has no gasoline car at all, to the customer who owns a costly gasoline car, with or without an inclosed body, and who wishes an electric for supplementary service. The large showing of cars owned without supplementary gasoline equipment is accounted for by the fact that wives of gasoline car owners frequently own electrics in their own names.

The electric supplements horse service to quite an extent. Several of the old conservative families of New York have purchased electrics within the past year for use in connection with the horse conveyances.

Estimates of business for 1913 average about 60 per cent larger than the sales of 1912. For the first 11 months of 1912 the sales have been around 200.

The type of car most in demand in New York is the brougham. Despite the mixed road and traffic conditions in New York, the cushion tire retains its popularity with the electric clientiele.

Valuable Adjunct to City Man's Garage

Pittsburgh Reports Increasing Interest Despite Many Steep Hills

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 28—Pittsburgh's interest in electric cars is increasing at a geometrical rate. Five years ago an electric was a curiosity in the Steel city. It created even more comment than the first gasoline motor car. The old school class of grunters and knockers who had predicted for years that the motor car never could succeed in Pittsburgh on account of steep grades and poor streets had evidently forgotten how futile their efforts had been, for they renewed their howl and prophesied nothing but failure for the

Notwithstanding these direful predictions the number of handsome, clean, noiseless, comfortable cars, especially for winter use, which are scouting around Pittsburgh streets at present is increasing so and taking notice with a sharp eye to the profit side of their ledgers.

The electric is here to stay. Whether it will eventually take the place of the limousine as an every-day car is the question. No doubt it has certain big obstacles here to overcome that it does not have in other cities. Cleveland, Buffalo, Detroit and other cities with broad, level streets offer an immensely greater opening for sales of electric vehicles than Pittsburgh.

On the other hand, Pittsburgh has probably a much larger proportion of very wealthy families which can afford touring cars, limousines and also electrics. This class in itself is large enough in the Pittsburgh district to make a big field for electric cars during the next few years and it is this field which the electric car agencies here are working hardest at present. How well they are succeeding is shown by the fact that there are now from 175 to 200 electric cars in use in this city. It is predicted that by 1914 at least 500 electrics will be seen on Pittsburgh streets.

The inquiry for electric cars never was so good as now. Nine-tenths of those who have bought electrics in the last 2 years are recommending them heartily. As a result there has been a big campaign of education put on in this city by the makers and dealers.

The experience of manufacturers with hills and other fixed difficulties has been a mighty valuable one and local agencies report an immense improvement in those features of electric car construction which were hardest to overcome in Pittsburgh.

These two facts-the education of the electric buyer and the success of the manufacturer in overcoming difficulties-have contributed wonderfully to the sale of and inquiry for electric vehicles.



Milwaukee a Stronghold

Two-thirds of Electric Owners Have Both Types of Machines

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 29-Milwaukee lays claim to being one of the best electric towns in the country, despite the fact that topographical conditions are none too favorable toward the use of vehicles propelled by electric motors. A small coterie of dealers have become actually wealthy by grasping the opportunity offered several years ago to take on lines of electric cars and pushing the battery vehicle for all it is worth to the present

At the end of the year 1912 it is found that in the city of Milwaukee there are owned and being operated about 300 electric pleasure cars, and, it is interesting to note, approximately forty-five electric commercial cars. Of all cars owned in Milwaukee, the electric pleasure car holds something more than 6 per cent, and the percentage is steadily being increased, for the gain during the entire year of 1912 is nearly 35 per cent over the number owned at the end of 1911.

Of all owners of electric vehicles in Milwaukee, only about 331/3 per cent are the property of persons who own no other motor cars, giving 66% per cent of owners who own both gasoline and electric cars for pleasure purposes. This indicates that the electric car is an active complement of the gas car, and as such is a trade factor in a field that offers almost unlimited opportunities in Milwaukee. Motoring has taken so deep a hold on the gasoline motorist that he no longer stops running when cold weather sets in, but is buying an electric rather than pay an almost equal amount for a good, stylish limousine body for his gas car-particularly when the change from summer touring body to winter inclosed body entails a large additional expense such as refinishing the chassis, fenders, hood, radiator, wheels, etc., to make the chassis look something near like and as tasty as the limousine.





Minneapolis Finds Many Reasons Why Electrics Are Popular

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 28—Peculiarly adaptable to Minnesota's climate, the electric pleasure car has an extensive sale in the large cities, particularly Minneapolis and St. Paul. It is found to supplement the use of the gasoline motor car and finds sale easily among the class that utilizes the gas car in warm weather. Dealers who carry both gas and electric lines in Minneapolis advance many reasons for the sale of the electric to supplement the gasoline machine as well as to sell on its own merits. Some of these reasons are as fol-

The electric car fills out a full line of motor cars. It may be driven by the entire family, whether accustomed to the gas car or not.

Expense is saved by substituting the electric car in winter in gas, oil and incidental purchases for the gas car and in the wages of a chanffeur.

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The electric car is always ready when charged and emancipates the family from slavery to a chauffeur.

Essentially a cold weather car the electric is usable even when the gasoline car fails from chilling of the engine or freezing.

Possession of an electric car permits the gasoline car to be overhauled in the winter without discommoding the family.

Exceptional public service opportunities are offered for the electric car. It is called for and delivered, charged and groomed.

As a newcomer to the Minneapolis territory, C. R. Newby, district manager for the Flanders company, which is represented by the Twin City Motor Co., finds the electric car admirably fitted to fill out the gasoline line. The electric car propaganda as supplementing the gasoline Flanders line is to be pushed to the limit.

"Sale of electric cars comes partly from bad weather," said Mr. Newby. "The sale of electrics has been held up here to an extent because of the fine weather. The electric may be called a bad weather car. It is suitable for common use of the family, for women to shop and for men to get to and from the office. One feature here this year is that suburban people are taking up the electric car along with the gasoline car, because while a year ago they were afraid to go more than a block from the city they know now the electric gives capable service anywhere. Before, they were afraid to utilize an electric to their suburban homes in winter and therefore moved into the city for the cold months. Now it is possible for them to utilize the electric safely and the result is that many families are staying at their summer homes this fall and winter."

L. H. Fawkes, of the Fawkes Automobile Co., who is agent for five gasoline cars as well as the Ohio electric, said: "It is a good thing to have an electric car line on the floor so as to please everybody that wants a car. Some people, I find, are buying electrics instead of purchasing a limousine body to fit their touring car chassis. This enables them to put the gas car in the shop and to have it painted; while the family has free use of a car all the time in the electric, which is a good winter car."

F. B. Stone, manager of the Waverley branch, co-operating with the Jackson gasoline car branch as co-tenant of a new building, sees large possibilities in the electric car sale along with that of gasoline machines. He believes they are supplementary lines. In addition to the stock reasons that the electric car is easily handled by women and children, and therefore especially acceptable to the family accustomed to gasoline car travel, because it is semper paratus and without the aid of a paid driver, he has found a good argument in the tale of a customer. This man said to Mr. Stone: "I am thoroughly disgusted with the limousine for winter. I have to employ a chauffeur and when my wife wants to go to the theater in the afternoon, or to a cafe, she rings a bell for the chauffeur and he does not answer, and she doesn't know where he is. After she gets in communication with him and finally drives down town, she is not sure whether she will find the driver when the theater is over. Coming outside she is as likely as not to see him half a block away talking with other chauffeurs, or possibly he has been out riding with some friend, and has not returned. I shall do away with the limousine and have an electric."

"People naturally follow their own ideas about whether to buy an electric car," said Mr. Stone, "and decide as to whether they can afford one and a touring car for the summer season. There are lots of gas car owners who are buying electric cars for this season. There is an opening to sell the electric car to supplement the gas car. There is no question about that. It is a good thing to remind the people that the electric is the thing to use after laying up the touring car for the winter."

A. E. Archer, manager for the Columbus Buggy Co., is alive to the supplemental possibilities of the electric car. His company makes and sells both types of car. "A great many persons buy gas cars with touring body for summer use and the electric car for winter use, and so the whole family can get the use of both cars, especially in the summer season," said Mr. Archer. "Lots of times a man wants to use his touring car himself, then the electric car fits in nicely because his wife or daughters can use the electric at the same time. Then it is cheaper to maintain an electric car in winter than the gas car.

"It is not necessary to keep a chauffeur at an expense of \$65 to \$75 or \$100 a month in the winter. The electric car can be maintained for less than \$75 in winter, and it will cost at least \$125 to buy gas, oil and other incidentals for the gas car. We find the cars work together, although we handle them with separate sales departments, in separate repair shops and garages."

Gaining in New England

Boston's Narrow Streets Handicap Dealers Selling Electric Cars

B OSTON, Mass., Dec. 27—Electric vehicles are making greater progress in New England the past year than they have for half a dozen years put together. This is due to the fact that there was organized more than a year ago the Electric Vehicle Club, comprising the men who sell both the pleasure and commercial types, and then there followed a campaign of education along advertising lines that told the people here what to expect from these vehicles.

Yet better results could be achieved but for the fact that Boston handicaps the electrics more than any other big city because of its narrow streets necessitating traffic rules that are a hardship on motor owners. When cars are not allowed to stand unattended more than 5 minutes; when they may not stand at all on certain streets; when they can remain but 20 minutes with someone in them, it means that women to whom the electrics appeal for shopping or theaters must either go down town in the street cars or go in motor cars with a chauffeur.

Attempts have been made to get parking spaces down town for cars, but the nearest places designated are nearly ½ mile away from the big department stores and so they are of no use. With the narrow streets, too, making traffic congested, it means that it is a difficult task for women to pilot their cars down town anyway, especially if they are inclined to be at all nervous.

Therefore the dealers cannot talk electrics for shopping or theaters. So they must go on the other tack and suggest their use for afternoon calls, which being for the most part in the Back Bay district or suburbs make the vehicles ideal. Also the fact that there are splendid boulevards for motor trips gives a chance to talk along those lines. Even here there is also a handicap, for the finest boulevards are along the north shore, yet, strange to say, there is no decent connection with them from Boston; motorists being forced to travel through Cambridge and Somerville along congested streets with many turns that taxes the skill of an expert driver, let alone a woman.

Despite these handicaps, however, the dealers are making progress and one sees many more electrics now than formerly.

There are very few dealers in gasoline cars who also carry the electrics as an auxiliary line in Boston. J. W. Bowman, handling the Stevens-Duryea, also has the Waverley. He has had it now for nearly a year. In talking about the sales of electrics to people who had gasoline cars he said that the number of such sales made by him were very few. The greater number he sold were to people who had no

other vehicle, and for the most part they were women.

J. S. Harrington has the Flanders line of both gasoline and electrics. He stated that the business in electrics is beginning to pick up now. In his sales he has found several instances where owners of gasoline cars have taken on the electrics for use as town cars. He stated that the number of such sales were not so very numerous, but they showed a tendency that way, and his company is going to try to develop the business.

A. P. Underhill handles the Knox and the Grinnell electric. This latter is a recent acquisition. Mr. Underhill stated that there was a field for the electric as an adjunct to the gasoline car as well as for its own use alone, but it will have to be gradually developed in Boston.

Then there is the R. C. H. branch handling both lines. Manager Wheeler stated that for a new proposition the Hupp-Yeats has done very well as an adjunct to the gasoline car.

The Tyler Brothers Corporation handles the Columbus electrics and formerly had a gasoline line. This latter was dropped and another one is being signed up now. Lucius Tyler, manager of the concern, is very enthusiastic over the electric proposition in New England.

"We have found that it is possible to sell electrics to people who have gas cars, and a number of men who were on our books when we were selling the gasoline line alone have since bought electrics for their families. The tendency we have found is that with the improvements of late in the way of self-starters, demountable rims, excellent service stations near at hand it has made owners more independent of chauffeurs, and, in fact, many now do their own driving. So they can use their gasoline car themselves, and they get electrics for their families, more particularly now as many men use their gasoline cars for business a great deal.

"In Massachusetts alone there are more than 100 public stations along the main traveled roads, and the territory is honeycombed with electric railroad lines, so it is possible to get batteries charged almost everywhere in New England."

Baltimore Just Starting Despite Hills and Bad Streets Interest in Electrics Is Increasing

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 28—The Monumental City at present is not an electric city from the standpoint of the motor car. This does not mean that the citizens of this city are opposed to the electric car, but that the physical conditions of the city and surrounding territory are not adapted to the successful use of the electric car.

High hills and bad streets have been the drawback in this section and have tended to make the electric car a thing of the future. There has been, however, a wholesale improvement of streets and roads due to drastic legislation by the state legislature and large appropriations by the municipal government in consequence of the passage of loans for improved pavements. In every section of the city smooth streets are being laid and with these in place of the old cobblestones and the improved roadways by the state roads commission, Baltimore and the various sections of Maryland bid fair to become just as popular from an electric standpoint as the city of Washington, which is only 40 miles away, but where there are any number of the electric cars

Just at present there are only two electric pleasure cars represented in this city and the agencies for these are held by dealers who do not handle gasoline cars, and consequently there are no car owners in Baltimore who have both electric and gasoline cars. There are about twenty to twenty-five electric pleasure cars owned in Baltimore and these owners have only the one car.

In other words, the conditions here are such that at this time it is impossible to give the electric cars a fair and equal chance to show their worth. In most cities, according to dealers who claim to know, the electric cars can go at least 50 miles without being recharged, while they have been known in Washington to make as high as 80 and 90 miles on one charge. The most that they have given in Baltimore under ordinary circumstances has been from 25 to 30 miles.

Dealers here who have been interested in the matter are frank to say that, judging by the attitude of many of their customers and among car owners who have conversed on the subject, there are any number of Baltimoreans who have a leaning toward the electric car, especially for such purposes as attending church on Sundays and special occasions, or the theaters or private dinners and social events, but they are at this time afraid to take the chances until the new street paving crusade has been fully completed and realized.

Then the dealers look for a rush of electrics and quite a few of them have intimated that they will get into this line of the business when the proper time comes for the venture. Many of the doctors around town have expressed the opinion that with the same conditions prevailing here as in many other cities the electrics would be just the thing for them, but that they must wait until Baltimore can offer better traffic facilities before buying this type of car.

Altogether the statements of dealers and others interested in the matter it is fair to say for the electrics that they have a bright future in this territory within the next few years and that the end of 1913 will see a material increase in the number in use in New England.

Denver Has Good Report

Of 6,000 Cars Registered, 15 per cent Are of the Electric Type

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 30-The development of the electric vehicle field in Denver during the past 21/2 years has been remarkable. In June, 1910, there were in operation on the streets of Denver 480 electric pleasure vehicles and three electric commercial machines. Today there are 852 of the pleasure vehicles and fortyfive of the commercial trucks run by electric power. It is estimated that the city now has in the neighborhood of 6,000 cars of all kinds, 15 per cent of the total number being electric vehicles. While there are fifty gasoline commercial machines, or five more than the number of electrics of the same class, there are orders already placed for more than twenty of the electric machines for early delivery; and it is prophesied that the electric trucks will soon outnumber the gasoline

The several dealers that are handling both gasoline and electric cars are unanimous in declaring that the electric trade furnishes a highly profitable adjunct to their general business, especially because of the strong tendency among people of considerable wealth and wide business and social interests to own both classes of cars. It is estimated that fully one-fourth of the owners of electric pleasure vehicles in this city are also owners of gasoline or steam cars, the latter usually being purchased first and for more general purposes. The larger cars, as a rule, are maintained for general family or business use, and especially for long trips, while the electrics are used largely by the women and for different kinds of calls confined principally within the city. It is also noticeable, however, that many bankers, lawyers, physicians and other business and professional men are making extensive use of electric runabouts for their business calls.

One of the chief reasons why the electric is receiving such a hearty reception in Denver by both merchants and private individuals is said to be the comparatively low cost of both repairs and power. The rates charged by public garages for the care of electric vehicles are also exceedingly reasonable, considerably lower, it is claimed, than in other sections of the country. The usual rate for a 5-ton truck is \$45 per month, which includes current, charging and caring for batteries, oiling, washing, and everything.

Many owners of electrics are installing their own charging equipment, and it is said that those having their own charging plants find that an electric pleasure vehicle alone seldom requires more current than is furnished for the minimum rate of \$5 per month. The amount of current reported for this cost is 1,250 kilowatt hours. Instances are reported, furthermore, where the owner of both a gas car and an electric coupe, noting the small amount of current required for the electric, has sold his gas car and purchased an electric roadster or runabout in the place of it, and has found that he is frequently able to keep the batteries of both vehicles charged at the minimum cost of \$5 per month.

As for the pleasure vehicles, another important factor in their favor especially is the convenience of operating. There is also a very marked tendency among the business men of this city to make their calls in light convenient electrics rather than in the heavier and more cumbersome gasoline cars.

Weather Helps Atlanta

Mild Climate in South Makes Gasoline Limousine Unnecessary

A TLANTA, Ga., Dec. 28—Five of the dealers in Atlanta handle electrics in conjunction with a line of gasoline cars. The composite opinion of the five is: "It pays. The electric line is as good or better a money-maker than the gasoline."

Anywhere south of the Mason and Dixon line the combination of gasoline touring car and electric coupe has a full 100 per cent advantage over a gasoline car with touring and limousine bodies. The reason is the weather.

Dixie is likely to have a little severe weather each winter. But except along the northern edge it is never long continued. This means that there is not over 1 month out of the 12 when an average southern owner wants to use a limousine body—unless he has in addition a touring car on another chassis. The combination of electric coupe and gasoline touring car therefore is the natural one. The electric coupe serves all purposes for bad weather as well as in good.

The other advantages of the combination of gasoline and electrics are too obvious to need mention, especially as they are shared alike by north and south. One fact, however, is especially worthy of attention, as follows: The southern field is the best, all things considered, in America.

Atlanta, where the electrics have been pushed, has from 300 to 500 cars, which is about a normal supply for a city of Atlanta's size and wealth. On the other hand, Chattanooga-this is on the solemn word of the southern representative of an electric vehicle company-has not a single electric, in a city of 44,604 population. Macon, with 40,665, has not over a half dozen. In Augusta, where the population is 41,040, there are not a dozen-and this is a particularly wealthy city. Nashville, with its 110,364 people, has only a small scattering of electrics and the same is true of hustling Birmingham, with 132,685 population. In a general way the same condition prevails throughout the entire south.

Commercial Electric

It is generally conceded that electric pleasure vehicles do not encroach or the preserves of those of the gasoline types, but occupy a territory entirely distinct. Gasoline commercial vehicles, however, seem to have in the electric truck a real competitor; not that there is danger of the electric truck driving the gasoline truck from the field, but in certain lines they give promise of equal or greater efficiency than the gasoline type of truck.

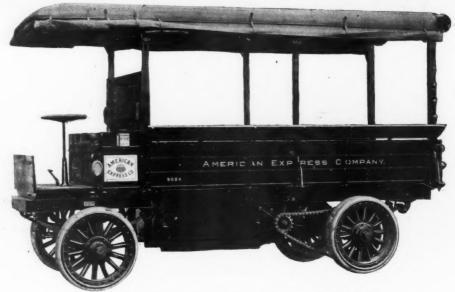
Notable in this connection is the satisfaction that electric trucks are known to give in short hauls, house-to-house work, and in route hauling. To these requirements the electric truck is admirably adapted because of its flexibility, its facility in starting and stopping and its ease of control. Teamsters, with practically no previous training, may be trusted with an electric truck, and in routed service a knowledge of the route and the details of the business involved is more important than mechanical ability.

Development of Electric Truck

Two-thirds of electric trucks now in service are said to be from 2 to 3 tons capacity. The catalogs for 1913 in many cases embrace more and larger models, and the supply of 3½ to 5-ton and even 6-ton electric trucks promises to be adequate for the present season. However, no radical departures from former practice have been extensively indulged in, the experience of service having pointed out numerous small improvements, but not having warranted the abandonment of standard practices.

Platform Type Body Popular

The platform type of truck is by far the most in favor, this type being characterized by the clearing of the upper portion of the chassis of practically all appliances, the battery, motor, countershaft, resistance boxes and controller being carried beneath the frame. This leaves the space above a clear platform upon which any style of body may be fitted, while the driver is seated at the extreme front. The low suspension of the component parts in this manner brings the center of gravity low, and makes the car much more stable. Double chain drive to the rear wheels seems to be nearly universal in heavy trucks, while various drives are adopted in light delivery wagons. Worm-drive, bevel-gear drive, spur-gear drive and direct internal gear



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drive, with the motor mounted in or on the rear axle, and in one instance front axle, are offered.

Drive from the motor to the countershaft usually is by silent chain, with occasional variances, such as shaft and bevel gear, direct bevel gear and spur gears. Drive chains, both primary and secondary, are being inclosed to a greater extent than formerly, notably in the larger trucks. Left-hand steering is nearly universal, having been adopted some years ago, and since then tenaciously adhered to. Battery boxes are being made less of wood and more of metal, while many ingenious methods of removing the battery have been devised by the makers. Side removal seems to be in greatest favor, due to the fact that the batteries then need not be lifted, and that the load portion is thus made solid, without traps to leak dust and dirt into the battery compartments, and making the removal or washing of the battery possible without removing the load, which is decidedly convenient.

Moderate Speeds Favored

Moderate speeds seem to have the preference, the motors being so designed and geared as to make speed above a certain maximum impossible, except in descending from grades, where common caution serves to prevent overspeeding. The speeds allowed in good practice are inversely proportional to the load carried,

Electric Commercial Vehicles

Argo Atlantic Bailey Baker Borland-Champion C. T. Detroit Fritchle G. M. C. General Vehicle **Jatco** Lansden M. and P. Toledo Urban Walker Ward Waverley

light 500-pound delivery cars being allowed from 12 to 18 miles per hour, while the heavy 5-tonners rarely are allowed to exceed 7 miles per hour. Average 2 and 3-ton trucks are allowed speeds from 10 to 11 miles per hour. A tendency for longer wheelbases has manifested itself.

ARGO

COMMERCIAL electric cars in two models are manufactured by the Argo Electric Vehicle Co., of 1000 and 2000 pounds capacity, respectively. These chassis are alike, except as to capacity, with the exception of their wheelbases, which are 86 and 96 inches respectively, their tires 34 by 3 and 35 by 31/2, respectively, their battery capacities, and a few other lesser details.

Argo commercial cars are of the platform type, none of the essential parts projecting above the chassis frame. Their motors are secured as a unit with the rear axles, and drive through bevel gears, and the batteries are suspended below the middle of the cars. Wheel steer is used, and the controller handle is located under the wheel on the steering column. Body types other than an open express are made to the order of the purchaser at extra cost.

ATLANTIC

PRODUCED in four models, the Atlantic commercial electrics offer a range in carrying capacity from 1 to 5 tons The first of these has a wheelbase of 102 inches, with 34 by 31/2-inch front tires and 34 by 4-inch rear. The motor is suspended above the rear axle, and drives to a countershaft, and from thence to the rear wheels by double chains. The battery is optional. Control is by a side-lever, four forward speeds being afforded. The drive is from the left side, and suspension is by half-elliptic springs all around.

The next largest model is of 2 tons capacity, has a wheelbase of 114 inches and tires 34 by 4 and 36 by 4, respectively, front and rear. The next above this is of 31/2 tons capacity, has a wheelbase of 135 inches, and tires 36 by 5 by 40 by 4, and the largest, the 5-ton model, has a 144-inch wheelbase, with 36 by 6 and 40 by 5-inch tires. The last three models are similar to the smaller in all mechanical features, except as regards size and proportions, which are modified to suit the loads to be imposed upon them.

BAILEY

OR light loads of not above 500 pounds, the Bailey service electric is offered as an auxiliary to the Bailey line of pleasure electrics. It consists of a light runabout with provision in the rear for the carrying of a small box, 32 by 24 inches. It has a wheelbase of 106 inches and tires 33 by 4. Edison batteries are regularly furnished with these cars. The control is by an inclined wheel, on the left side of the car, with the controller handle above it. The motor is located under the seat, and drives by double chains.

BAKER

FIVE models of commercial electric trucks are offered by the Baker Motor Vehicle Co. These range in capacity from 500 pounds to 31/2 tons in capacity. All models are alike in general plan, having a straight pressed steel frame supported by four half-elliptic springs. The battery on all models except the smallest is supported underneath the chassis frame, and the jackshaft on each is immediately behind it. Drive to the jackshaft is from the motor, behind it, and between the drive-wheels, and by an incased silent chain. From the jackshaft to the wheels the drive is by roller chains. Drive is from the left side, at the extreme front of the chassis, control being by means of a lever under the wheel, a pedal, and a side-lever.

All models use I-beam front axles and square section rear, except the 500-pound delivery car, which has a tubular front axle. The heavier trucks have their drivechains incased in pressed steel housings. Bodies are made to order on all models except the 500-pound delivery car, which is furnished in open and panel bodies. A special provision has been made whereby all principal parts of the chassis may be lubricated from the outside, without removing, or in any way disturbing the body.

BORLAND

S an accessory to a line of pleasure cars, the Borland light delivery car is produced. This car carries regularly an open delivery body and a closed type. It has a load capacity of 1,500 pounds. The wheelbase is 93 inches and 34 by 4-inch tires are fitted on all wheels. An Exide forty-cell battery, giving a running radius of approximately 50 miles, is used. The



MODEL N BAKER OF 4,000 POUNDS CAPACITY



WAVERLEYS' 5-TON TRUCK WITH PLATFORM BODY

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motor is carried amidships and drives by double chains to the rear wheels. Six speeds are afforded by the controller, which with the steering lever is located on the left side.

CHAMPION

T WO models of standard electric commercial cars are manufactured by the Champion Electric Vehicle Co. They are of 750-1,000 pounds and 1-ton capacity, respectively. One novelty in their construction is the location of the battery, which is carried above the chassis frame, under the driver's seat. A battery of twenty-six cells, eleven-plate lead, or forty cells of Edison, is used on the 1,000-pound model; and on the 2,000-pound model, forty-four cells, thirteen-plate lead or sixty cells Edison are used.

The motor is suspended from the frame underneath the middle of the chassis, and drives through spur gears to a shaft, and from thence to the rear axle by bevel gears. The rear axle housing is of pressed steel. An option of chain-drive is offered on the larger model. In this form, the primary reduction is by Morse silent chain to a jackshaft, and from thence by roller chains to the rear wheels. The wheelbases of the two models are 86 and 100 inches, respectively.

C. T.

F OR 1913 the Commercial Truck Co. will produce six electric commercial chassis. They will range in capacity from 5 tons down to a quarter of a ton. The two smaller chassis, of 500 and 1,000 pounds capacity, respectively, have the motor sus-

pended beneath the chassis, and drive through a shaft to a worm-gear live axle. The 1 and 2-ton models have the motors supported on the rear axles, driving by spur gears to the wheels. The 3½ and 5-ton models are provided with four-wheel drive.

The two axles are forged of steel and are made in two sections, separated by a spacing member. The motors are held between arms on the axles, bosses on these arms being bored out to receive the trunnions, which constitute the supporting element of the motor casings. The motors drive through an internal gearing in the disk wheels. This permits equal distribution of the load over the four wheels, and doubles the tractive surface available.

All models steer from the left side, and have their controllers mounted on the steer-

SPECIFICATIONS OF ELECTRIC COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OFFERED FOR 1913

	Price, Chassis Only	Body Style	Price		Price	Body		Load, Capacity	Width of Load	Height of Load	Length of Load	Overall, Length	Wheel-	TIE	RES	Body Weight	Chassis Weight	Turning
Name and Model			with Body	Body Style		Style	Price	in Pounds	Space in Feet	Space in	Platform in Feet	in Feet	Inches	Front '	Rear	in Pounds	in Pounds	Radius in Feet
argo, K-10argo, K-20	\$1,700 2,100	Optional Optional		Express	\$1,800 2,200			1,000 2,000	3.5		6.6 7.5		86 96	34x3 35x3}	34x3 35x31	400 400	2,400 3,000	
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iley, Service		Delivery						300	3.6	3.3	4.0		106	33x4	33x4			
aker, Waker, Xaker, Oaker, Uaker, CC	1,700* 1,900* 2,300* 3,100* 3,500*	Optional		Panel				500 1,000 2,000 4,000 7,000	Opt . Opt . Opt . Opt .		*******	******					2,085 2,650 3,125 5,200 7,500	
orland, Open Type		Open Truck	. \$2,100	Closed	2,250			1,500	4.8	6.0			93	34x4	34x4			
T., 500-pound T., 1,000-pound T., 1 ton T., 2 ton T., 3½ ton T., 5 ton	1,800 2,000 3,200 4,200 4,650	Panel Panel Express Express	2,200 2,800 3,500 4,500	Stake Stake Stake	3,500			500 1,000 2,000 4,000 7,000 10,000	3.5 3.5 4.0 4.2 5.0 5.5		$\begin{array}{c} 5.5 \\ 6.0 \\ 8.0 \\ 11.0 \\ 12.0 \\ 15.0 \end{array}$		85 90 or 100 100 116 115 132	36x2\\ 36x3\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	36x2½ 36x3 36x4 36x3½ 36x3½ 36x4	350 400 600 1,000 1,250 1,500	2,600 3,100 3,900 5,250 7,000 8,000	19 20 21 24 24 26
Detroit, 1	2,345 2,870 3,132 5,000		3,080	Canvas top			3,310	1,000 2,000 3,000 7,000	3.8 3.9 4.3 Opt	4.6 4.6 Opt . Opt .	6.5 6.9 Opt Opt	11.0 11.5 19.0	80 84 96 132	32x2\frac{1}{32x3} 34x3\frac{1}{2} 36x5	34x3 34x3½ 36x4 36x4		2,400 2,900 3,700 8,115	
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M. & P., 1,500-pound. M. & P., 2,500-pound	1,450 1,850	Express Open	1,500 1,900	Closed	1,600 2,000			. 1,500 2,500	3.5		6.7	11.3 12.5	100 112	30x3 34x3	30x3 34x3	700 900	2,700 3,200	
Irban, 10	1,600	Express Express Platform Platform	2,300	Panel Panel Express	2,400	Panel	3,200	. 2,000 4,000	3.5 4.2 5.7 6.3	4.8	6.0 8.0 10.9 12.0	•	86 100 118 130	36x3 36x3 36x4 36x5	36x3 36x4 36x3 36x4	500 750 1,000 1,200	1,900 3,300 4,200 5,600	38 44 50 54
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NOTE *Price with lead battery: d Weight without battery. ABBREVIATONS:—Opt, Optional loading space.

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ing column, beneath the wheel. The four lighter models are equipped with hollow box-shaped pressed steel front axles, the other types using the I-beam.

The controller that is used on each of these trucks is at the base of the steering column, and is operated by the sleeve on the pillar, to which is secured a wheel, beneath the steering wheel. Three forward speeds are afforded on the 500 and 1,000-pound models, while on the larger, four speeds are provided, which meet all the driver's requirements.

DETROIT

YEARLY models are not produced by the makers of the Detroit electric, the same line of four commercial chassis as was offered last season being continued for the season of 1913. These are of 1,000 pounds, 1 ton, 1½ tons, and 3½ tons capacity. Edison batteries are regularly featured on these cars, and all models are of the conventional type, chain-driven with the battery suspended below the frame.

Wheel steer, with the controller handle on the wheel is used in the control of the cars, the steering pillar being located on the left side. The battery is suspended on each model in an underhung cradle, consisting of a number of roller trays. These trays are disposed on a metal track, so they may be slid out at the side. One man can remove the battery for inspection and cleaning, by removing the side covers, affixing the tracks, and suspending the outer corners from the side of the body by cables, and sliding the trays out on the shelves so formed. The motors are sus-

pended from the frame by strap arms, and drive to the jackshaft by silent chains.

FRITCHLE

H AILING from Denver, the Fritchle delivery car appears in but one model. This model has an open delivery body, and is adapted to a load of 1000 pounds. The wheelbase is 100 inches, and the tires are 32 by 3½, front and rear. The Fritchle thirty-two-cell battery and Fritchle motor are used, the latter being suspended beneath the chassis, and driving to the rear wheels by chains.

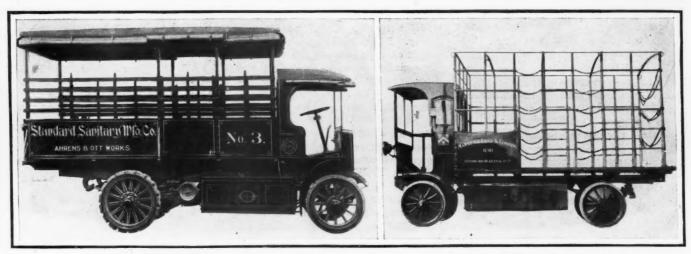
G. M. C.

Comprising eight models of different capacities, the General Motors Truck Co.'s line of commercial electric vehicles is very complete, ranging as it does from

SPECIFICATIONS OF ELECTRIC COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OFFERED FOR 1913

BATT	ERY			MOTOR		Right	Location of Con-	Number	Drive	Total	SPRII	NGS	Front	Weight	Weight
Make and No. of Cells	Ampere Hour Cap.	Miles per Charge	Make	Туре	Location	or Left Steer	trol Lever	Speeds	Drive	Weight Chassis & Body	Front	Rear	Axie	Front Wheels	Rear Wheels
Opt, 28, 40, 60 Opt, 30, 40, 60	135 or162 162o r 185	40-50 40-50	Westinghouse	Series	Unit with rear axle Unit with rear axle	Left	Under wheel Under wheel	4	Bevel	2,800 3,400	1 Ell	} EⅡ	Tubular	2,000	3,000
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Edison, 60	150	60-80	Gen Electric	Series		Left	Top of wheel	6	Chain	2,200	} Ell	Ell	I-Beam		
Lead, 30 Opt, 42, 60 Opt, 42, 60 Opt, 42, 64 Opt, 42, 60		75 50 50 50 50	Gen Electric Gen Electric Gen Elec Gen Electric Gen Electric	Series Series Series Series	Under chassis Under chassis Under chassis Under chassis Under chassis	Left Left Left Left	Under wheel Under wheel Under wheel Under wheel	6 5 5 5 5	Chain Chain Chain Chain Chain		EII		Tubular I-Beam I-Beam I-Beam		
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Gould, 40	130 170	40 50	Westinghouse		Under seat Under seat			4 4	Chain		Ell	Ell	I-Beam . I-Beam .		
Exide, 30 Exide, 44 Exide, 44	165	40 40 35 35	Gen Electric Gen Electric Gen Electric Gen Electric	Series.	Under chassis Under chassis Under chassis Under chassis	Left		. 4	Chain Chain Chain	4,050 5,200	Ell Ell Ell	Ell	I-Beam . I-Beam . I-Beam . I-Beam .	1,850 2,800 3,800 5,500	2,550 4,848 7,975 11,500
Opt, 42, 60				Series. Series.	Unit with rear axle	Left Left	Left of seat Left of seat Left	4 4 6	Int G Int G Int G Int G		EII	Plat : Pl	I-Beam .		
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Opt, 42 Opt, 42 Opt, 42 Opt, 42 Opt, 42 Opt, 42	. 216 270	50 50 45 40 35	Own	Series. Series. Series.		Left Left	Left Left	4 4 5	Bevel Bevel Chain Chain	7,800 9,000	Ell	Ell	I-Beam . I-Beam . I-Beam . I-Beam . I-Beam .	. 2,400 . 3,900 . 6,000	7,900

ABBREVIATIONS:—Opt, either lead or Edison battery; Comp, compound-wound generator; \(\frac{1}{2}\) Ell, semi-elliptic springs; Ell, elliptic springs; \(\frac{2}{4}\) Ell, three-quarter elliptic springs; Bevel, shaft drive with bevel gear reduction; Worm, shaft drive with worm gear reduction; Spur, direct drive from armature shaft through spur gear in wheel.



KENTUCKY WAGON CO.'S MODEL 70 31/2-TON TRUCK



DETROIT FITTED WITH PASSENGER BUS BODY

1/2 to 6 tons in capacity. The trucks in the order of their carrying capacity are: Model 1, 1,000 pounds capacity; model 2, 2,000 pounds capacity; model 3, 3,000 pounds capacity; model 4, 4,000 pounds capacity; model 6, 6,000 pounds capacity; model 8, 8,000 pounds capacity; model 10, 10,000 pounds capacity, and model 12, 12,000 pounds capacity.

These models are each subdivided into

three types, type A, short wheelbase; type B, medium wheelbase; and type C, long wheelbase. A number of original features are to be noticed in the make-up of these cars. One of these is a springsteel blade propeller shaft to transmit the power from the motor to the countershaft. This form of drive is equally as positive as a rigid shaft, with the additional advantage of cushioning shocks, absorbing

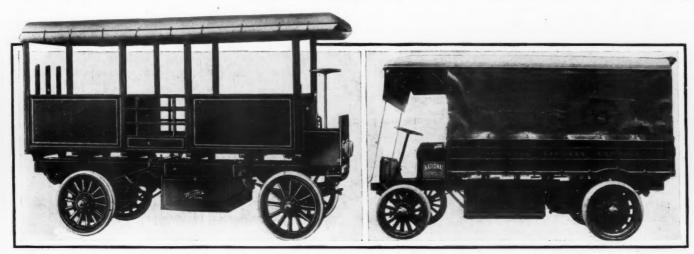
WALKER 31/2-TON ELECTRIC TRUCK

vibration, and immunity to harmful results should an abnormal strain be exerted upon the shaft.

Another feature is a short hood at the front, inclosing the controller, ampere-hour meter, and switches. The battery on this truck is placed on top of the chassis frame, beneath the driver's seat. All models carry either a forty-cell lead battery or a sixty-cell Edison. The batteries are removable through the side panels of the seat, and may be inspected by raising the seat cover. A lever on top of the steering wheel controls the car through a lever on the bottom of the controller rod inside the steering pillar. The motor drives to the jackshaft by means of the spring-steel blade, being located behind the jackshaft. Final drive is through side chains. Semielliptic springs are used all around, with coil helpers in the rear.

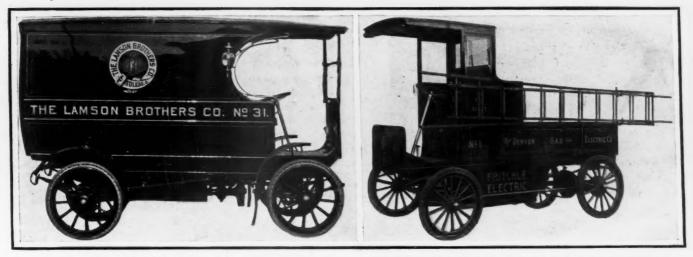
GENERAL VEHICLE

S IX models of General Vehicle electric trucks are made for 1913. These show practically no departures from former practice, and range in capacity from 750 pounds to 10,000 pounds. Each model is constructed on the same structural plan, such differences as exist being the result of the difference in strains that are to be imposed upon them. The same battery of forty-four cells is used on all models, being



ATLANTIC VEHICLE CO.'S 31/2-TON MODEL WITH PLATFORM BODY

WAVERLEY OF 2-TON CAPACITY FOR EXPRESS SERVICE



OHIO ELECTRIC 1,000-POUND LIGHT DELIVERY

FRITCHLE SPECIAL DESIGN PUBLIC SERVICE WAGON

suspended from the main frame, beneath the middle of the car. The cradle is arranged so that the battery may be removed from either side. The controller, located beneath the driver's seat, is operated by a lever at the side, while the motor is suspended from the frame, behind the battery box, driving to the jackshaft by a silent chain, from whence the drive is taken by the wheels through double roller chains.

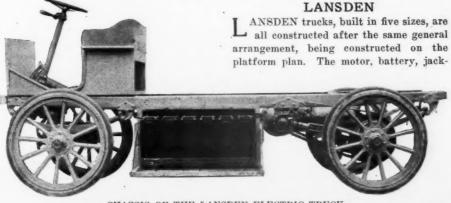
JATCO

F 1 and 11/2-ton capacity, respectively, Jatco electric motor trucks are presented in two models for 1913. Both models are alike in not only general construction, but in general dimensions. They differ in weight and the loads they will sustain. The weight of the 1,000-pound model is 2,600 pounds, while that of the 2,000-pounder is 3,000 pounds. The smaller model carries thirty cells, and the larger a forty-cell battery, in a cradle suspended beneath the middle of the chassis. Behind this, the jackshaft is driven by a silent chain from the motor, and drives the wheels by double roller thains.

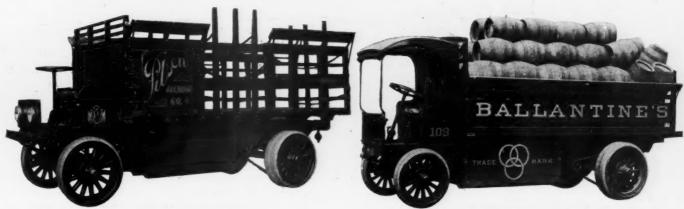
These batteries are each of 165 amperehours capacity, and afford a running radius of 50 miles per charge on the smaller model, and 40 miles per charge on the larger. The smaller model is controlled by a lever on top of the steering wheel, while the larger is operated by means of a lever at the side of the seat. Brakes are controlled by independent pedals.

shaft, resistance boxes, and controller being beneath the chassis frame, the space above it being devoted entirely to the driver's seat and load platform. The models range in capacity from 1,000 pounds to 5 tons. Each is provided with Edison batteries exclusively, suspended from the middle of the chassis in a steel cradle, covered with aluminoid. The inside is lined with insulation, while the sides are hinged at the bottom, and may be folded down to form shelves. On these shelves the battery may be drawn out for cleaning and inspection, their trays being mounted on rollers which run on steel tracks. This permits cleaning, inspection, or even complete removal of the battery without disturbing the load, or any other part, and with no lifting.

The 1,000-pound model has sixty cells, arranged in ten rows, six in each, while the other models have twelve rows, with five in each. The controller is mounted under the front floor-boards, and is operated by a gear connected with a movable sleeve about the steering column, operated by a lever under the wheel. In operation four notches forward of neutral give the four forward speeds, while two reverse speeds are afforded by a backward motion of the lever. Inadvertent reversal is prevented by a raise in the slot in which the lever moves, which obliges the operator to raise the lever slightly to pass into reverse posi-

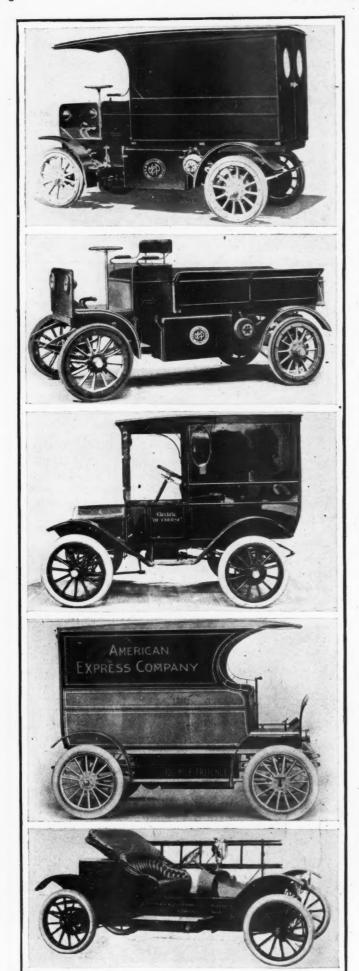


CHASSIS OF THE LANSDEN ELECTRIC TRUCK



ONE-TON OHIO USED BY BREWERS

BAKER 2.000-POUND TRUCK CARRYING BEER



tion. The motor is mounted slightly forward of the rear axle, being suspended from the frame on three points, it drives the jackshaft by means of a shaft and bevel-gears, final drive to the wheels being by double side chains.

M AND P

NO new models of M and P commercial electrics will be produced for 1913, but the 1,500-pound and 2,500-pound models are continued without regard to season. The first of these has a wheelbase of 100 inches and 30 by 3-inch tires all around. A Gould forty-cell 130-ampere-hour battery is used, which affords a running radius of 40 miles per charge.

The car is built with a straight frame, with the seat at the extreme front end, and the battery beneath the chassis frame in the center of the car. The motor, under the seat, drives by a propeller shaft to a jackshaft at the rear. Drive to the wheels is by double chains.

Special features of this truck are: The wires are short, the longest being 3 feet in length. The battery is divided in the middle, two trays being located on either side of the propeller shaft. Each tray carries ten cells, and may be removed from the side by one man, without lifting. Elliptic springs all around support the chassis. The larger model differs from the smaller in its greater capacity, a 112-inch wheelbase, 34 by 3-inch tires, and in the capacity of its battery. This battery is of 170-ampere-hours capacity, which will drive the car 50 miles per charge, it is said.

URBAN

MANUFACTURED by the Kentucky Wagon Mfg. Co., Urban electric commercial cars are produced in four 1913 models. Model 10 is a light delivery wagon of 1,000 pounds capacity, model 20 a light truck of 1 ton capacity, model 40, 2-ton size, and model 70, the heaviest, of 31/2 tons capacity. All four models are built on conservative lines, and each on the same general scheme.

The battery is hung beneath the frame, and the power of the motor is transmitted by a chain to the jackshaft, and by chains from thence to the rear wheels. Suspension is by four semi-elliptic springs, and drive is from the extreme forward end of each model. An inclined hand wheel controls the steering, while a pedal and side-lever, respectively, control the brakes. The motor is controlled by a controller located in a closed forward shroud dash, a lever in a double-slotted gate segment being used to operate it. The battery box is arranged to slide out at the side.

All models are regularly equipped with express and panel bodies, while the two larger types also are equipped with platform stake bodies for heavy trucking work. Especial stress is laid on the manner in which the component parts are balanced, which results in the proportionate load on the front and rear wheels remaining the same regardless of whether loaded or empty.

WALKER

NO changes of consequence have been made in Walker commercial electrics since their inception. Their feature, the motor location and drive is retained. Load capacities of from 1,000 to 7,000 pounds are offered in the five-chassis line. All bodies are built to conform to the requirements of the individual purchaser. The sizes of the bodies may be also varied to suit the desires of the user.

Wheelbases and loading spaces are subject to a wide variance, as the motive element is a separate unit, the motor being contained in the hollow rear axle and driving through a differential to planetary gears contained in the disk-type rear wheels. Rear spring hangers may be adjusted to any length of frame. This planetary gear consists of a small spur pinion secured to the drive-axle, and meshing with two large planetary gear-wheels, which are rigidly mounted on a stationary spider. These gears mesh with an internally-toothed gear-ring on the rim of the wheel. The wheels are built up of two ribbed plates, which inclose the gearing and support the wheel load on separate bearings.

The smallest models, F and G, are of 1000 pounds capacity.

From top to bottom-M and P closed body type; M and P panel body; Baker light delivery; Fritchle with closed body; Bailey street light maintenance wagon

They differ in that in the first, known as the Marshall Field type, has its battery suspended beneath the middle of the chassis, and the seat located at the extreme front, while the latter, known as the Mandel Brothers type, has the battery disposed mainly in a bonnet at the front, and in a cradle at the rear.

They are alike in the use of half-elliptic front springs and three-quarters elliptic rear. Four speeds forward, as controlled by a side-lever on the left side of the car, are afforded, and 34 by 3-inch rear tires are fitted. Model F has 32 by 3-inch front tires, and model G, 34 by 3. The other models are all of the Marshall Field type, model C, of 1500 pounds capacity, having 34 by 3-inch front tires and 38 by 3-inch rear. Model C, of 3000 pounds capacity, has 36 by 3½-inch front tires, and 42 by 3½ or 36 by 5-inch rear tires, on option. Models D and E are similar to the lighter models, except that six speeds are provided instead of four. Model D has 36 by 5-inch front tires and 36 by 3½-inch dual rear tires, and those of the 7000-pound model E are 36 by 6 and 36 by 4 dual, respectively.

An especial feature that is advanced in favor of these trucks is the balanced drive afforded by the form of gearing used, by which the power is transmitted in a straight line, through idler gears which balance the drive on opposite sides of the wheel. Another feature of interest is the front suspension. Two transverse semi-elliptic springs are used, being secured to one another at their middles, and shackled to the body and axle, respectively, at their ends. This form of spring is more commonly known as an X spring.

WAVERLEY

PORMERLY the Waverley interests were represented by but one model in the electric commercial field, but for 1913 four models have been added, so the complete line now comprises five chassis of from 1,000 to 10,000 pounds capacity. The new trucks are a 1,000-pound delivery car, which drives direct to the live rear axle by bevel gears, carries its battery underneath, is fitted with four elliptic springs, and wheel steer; a 2-ton truck, which has its motor suspended from the rear of the chassis and drives by a shaft to the countershaft in front of the drive wheels, from which the drive is to the rear wheels by double side-chains, is suspended on half-elliptic springs, and has dual rear tires; a 3½ and a 5-ton model, built on the same lines as the 2-ton model, but of larger sizes.

The 1-ton model, carried over from last year, is similar to the new 1000-pound model, except that half-elliptic springs are used instead of the elliptic type. Body types are optional on all models, except the 1000-pound model, which has a panel body.

All models have forty-two-cell batteries, the number of plates varying with the sizes of the trucks. The battery cradles are constructed of steel, strongly braced and steadied by steel guys, and T-rail hoops. Drum-type, continuous-torque controllers are used, located under the seats.

WARD

CONSISTENT uniformity is the characteristic feature of the Ward line of trucks. These trucks have been developed along the same lines for nearly a decade, and are standard throughout. Four models from 1 to 4 tons are built, every part of which is uniform in design, except as to size.

These models are new, in that they have been completely redesigned over those of last year, but in fundamentals, they are in strict conformance with former types.

In the Ward chassis every part is below the chassis frame. The motors are located at the rear of the chassis, and drive from the motor to the jackshaft by a silent chain and to the wheels through double chains. The battery is located in an underhung cradle at the middle of the car. Suspension is by semi-elliptic springs all around, and control is from the extreme front, by a steering wheel on the left side, a foot pedal, and a control lever at the side. This lever operates a drum-type, continuous-torque controller, affording four speeds forward and two reverse. It is located under the seat.

CASE & MARTIN CO. MANDEL BROTHERS

From top to bottom—Walker with pie delivery body; Waverley 1,000-pound model; Kentucky 1,000-pound model, Baker 2,000-pound model



RELATION OF CUSTOMER TO CAR

WHAT is the best method for keeping track of cars and shop work in an electric garage?

What are the essential forms to be used in conducting the business of a garage handling electric cars which will take care of all leaks, give the best mechanical results and the best service all around?

Is the system I am using at present in my garage complete enough or are there points of weakness developing which may become serious as my business grows if not noted and acted upon in time?

Shall I wait and let the system grow with the business or is it important that I plan the conduct of the shop from the first with the idea of a large growth in mind so that the system will fit no matter how business increases?

GARAGE men are asking these questions among themselves and seeking information, the first effort being to find out how other men are solving the same problems. How is X doing it in New Orleans, or what forms are used by Y in Denver?

It is a fact that the forms used in one garage will not entirely fill the case of another in a different location or in a different class of service, but from each set of forms used by others good ideas may be gleaned so when one has absorbed what others are doing he can with more assurance go ahead with the ideas just learned as a more understanding basis of judgment in figuring out the blanks and forms to fit his own requirements.

A small garage handling only one kind of work will need fewer forms of course than a large plant serving all classes of custom. One garage may be located in a section where but one kind of work is encountered, such as motor truck garaging with cars leaving and returning at certain times of the day, or it may be merely pleasure cars for milady.

With some the charging plant for the batteries is run by the garage and in others is operated by a separate firm. Some firms furnish operators for their cars for special occasions and if so there

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must be a system of keeping track of this branch. Every phase of the business must have a method of keeping record of every move and every expenditure of time, money or brains.

So far as battery charging goes there will be a system with its blanks of forms to take care of the inspections and overhauls, the overcharge, the charging and condition of battery cells, current consumption and the like.

Garage work may properly be divided into four branches and whatever forms are provided must cover the demands of each section. These four classes of forms take care of:

1-The relation of the customer to his car.

2—The relation of the car to the shop.
3—The relation of the shop to the office,

4—The relations of the office to the customer.

Thus the four branches form, as it were, a hollow square, the corners being customer, car, shop and office, with the forms circulating in this order.

Relation of Customer to Car

In the first branch of garage work there must be a record kept of all happening to the car in relation to the customer. There must be a daily record of when cars go out and when they come in. With this it were well to include a record of what the customer accomplishes with the car each day, the mileage and current consumption, with even a statement of the

weather as well to enable the firm to figure if batteries are giving mileage service suited to weather, road and temperature conditions. Again there is need of a record of the condition of the car when it goes out. What amount of current is in the batteries, is there a lap robe in the car, or are there cut-glass vases for flowers? To prevent loss or dispute a record should be had of what each car contains.

There may be further records made necessary by local conditions and not listed here, but they come under the first department, giving to the garage a complete record.

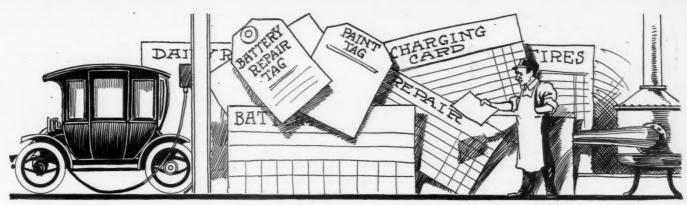
Records Should Be Kept

To get this record there must be blanks to be filled out. These may be many or few, but the system of forms will be best in the ordinary case which is simplest, which contains the fewest printed forms to do the work, and which are set down in a way not to be confusing to the mind of the average man who will have to do the filling out. They should obtain some sort of a report from each man connected with the job, furnishing when complete a full set of information covering every contact of the car and owner.

The second department, as it might be called, covers the relation of the car to the shop. When a car comes into the shop for repair there must be some instructions with it. This calls for tags to attach to the car containing instructions: tire tags, battery tags, general repair tags, charging tags and the like. These are to cover the reason for the car's entrance into the shop and the repairs as they progress.



RELATION BETWEEN SHOP AND OFFICE



RELATION BETWEEN CAR AND SHOP

With these comes a listing of the shop foreman every day of the number of cars in the shop and the state of the repair in progress. There also might be included in the shop form, even though it is later turned into the office as a report, the form used by the battery-charging man as he takes readings on the battery conditions of each car every hour while they are charging or overcharging. This form is really a part of the car's relation to the shop.

Next comes the branch having generally the most blank forms of any, the relation of the shop to the office. In this case the forms are mostly reports of work done: time sheets or slips of workmen, reports of foremen, report of battery charger, reports on battery repairs, requisitions for material, repair slips, etc., together with forms for the weekly battery reports made out from the daily reading slips of the battery man. These and many others dealing with the purchasing department as well cover the ground between the shop and office.

Noting Condition of Trucks

When a car comes in from the road it must be washed. This is reported on a blank form and if polished as well additional marks are made. An inspection of the car is made by a garage man who on another blank lists the condition of chains, body, wheels, tires, springs, etc. On a separate form is reported battery condition and whether charging is needed.

A man tightens the chains, or adjusts the steering gear. His time and the name of the job is listed on another form or time slip containing columns for all information the office needs in regard to the work done on the car. In a large garage other forms will be used back to the tool room

to cover tools taken out and returned and by whom, and other routine of a large shop. This will hardly be so in a small garage.

Recording Tire History

A tire on the vehicle is worn out. The report of this being in and a new tire needed a blank dealing with the tire's history is gotten out and notation made of the final demise of the member. This card has on it a complete record of that tire from the time it came into the shop, with labor and material expended on it listed perhaps on the back of the card, so that now that the tire is used up there is a detailed record of what that tire accomplished with mileage cost, time in service and all listed. When a new tire is put on a new card is filled, describing it in detail, with the price, and giving the date it was put on. Tires being such an important part of vehicle operation expense, many firms consider it necessary to keep a separate tire record.

The car may need charging. If so the battery man has another blank to fill out, related solely to his charging operation. This will give the volts, specific gravity of the electrolyte and details as to time, in the battery room. In some garages a single card follows the car through, covering the washing operation, polishing, electrical inspection, charging record and the detailed inspection of separate cells. If there is a loose connection or any battery repair work as separate from charging this may take another blank, but there would be need of some form of record. If any parts are needed from stock, requisition blanks will be required.

Finally a report is turned in on the whole repair. Added to this may be the

shop foreman's report on all jobs as separate from his own record.

The last department covers the relation of the office to the customer. Suppose the owner calls up on the telephone and asks for the car. There must be a record of when the call was received, when the car left, the time of the boy in charge and incidental expenses connected with the delivery, such as telephone, carfare, etc. All the relations between the customer and the office and the expenses connected must be done in writing.

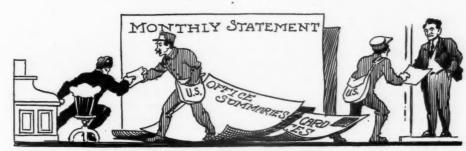
When a repair is needed, such as the new tire formerly mentioned, the owner must be notified either by letter or on a blank as to what is necessary. At this point the tire card of branch three may enter into this relation as showing the customer satisfactory or unsatisfactory service of the former tire as a guide to future purchase.

The Monthly Statement

The last and, of course, the important relation from the garage owner's standpoint is the monthly statement. This should preferably be on a set form giving in columns the separate items before giving a total.

Any system designed to cover thoroughly each department mentioned will do the work of a garage, but in formulating such a system it is well to reduce things to their simplest forms. Thus, in some plants where there is much battery work separate from cars it would be a mistake to include a car-washing report and car-inspection statement on the battery work. In other garages where no battery work is done it were useless to include battery figures on the report. Each card must be suited to its own work as set out by the garage in question and planned to get the greatest result with the least confusion and labor. What would be an ideal set of forms for one garage might be useless for a firm next door.

In formulating a system or planning forms for garage use a knowledge of what others are doing is of great importance so that a study of existing blanks as used by garages all over the United States will be of especial value. These will be taken up in the order of the four branches just mentioned. In some cases it will be noted



RELATION OF OFFICE TO CUSTOMER

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FIG. 1-FORM KEPT IN CUSTOMER'S CAR BY BAKER GARAGE OF CLEVELAND

the forms overlap and might fit in either class, while in others the line of demarcation is distinct.

In the first section, for instance, there are several forms that might be placed in the last of the "relation of the office to the customer," but, since the monthly statements are made out from these cards and these records are not themselves the billing forms, they have been considered to be in the first class, although the office makes out the record as a rule.

The Baker Motor Vehicle Co., Cleveland, O., has a very complete system of forms covering every possible department of electric vehicle use, both pleasure cars and motor trucks. One of these is a direct record of the customer-car relation, as this form, shown in Fig. 1, is kept in the car at all times. On this card are listed, besides the name, address, car make, etc., the date, odometer reading, trip number, record of filling, testing, charging and remarks, the columns allowing for a record of 31 days.

Complete Daily Records

More complete are the daily records kept in the office, listing the movements of every car in the garage and known variously as the garage log, register, etc., while the Neumann-Lane garage of Detroit, Mich., lists "Cars Taken Out" and "Cars Returned" on opposite sides of the same sheet with the following columns to be filled in by the office.

"Date, message received, when wanted, when taken, man returned, owner car, tag, where taken to, carfare, who took out," are listed on the "Taken Out" side, while on the reverse are listed the columns: "Message received, wanted returned, man sent, returned, robe, carfare, who returned, where taken from, remarks." This one sheet then gives a complete record of the car's movements and its relations to the customer's service.

The sheet used by the Baker company for this record is unique in that in the upper left-hand corner is a weather record and temperature record arranged as below:

This record gives some idea of the conditions under which the car operates as a check on current consumption, etc.

The Baker company also has a sheet to record cars for regular daily delivery as separate from those cars which are taken

out only on special occasions, such as trucks that leave on schedule each day for delivery work, or pleasure cars used for driving to business at stated hours each day.

Fig. 2 shows a card used by the Krebs-Gotshall Co., Denver, Colo., and called a chaser card, which keeps a record of all routine and expense connected with the receipt of the car by the customer — another form in the customer-to-car class.

At the top of the card is given the driver's report on the condition of the car. Below are two small boxes, right and left, one marked "in" and the other "out." A time stamp takes care of the exact time of every move in and out with the other data as listed. There also is a short list at the bottom of what the car contains as a check on things the garage might be held responsible for if lost. The little triangle at the corner of each box keeps track of any carfare.

The Woods company, of Boston, instead of listing only carfare, gets out a petty cash voucher, listing the incidental expenses of the driver, such as carfare, telephone, telegram, freight, express, miscellaneous, this list being particularly necessary where motor trucks are used from the garage. A delivery slip for car orders is used, as below:

From Car to Shop

Coming to the second class of forms dealing with the car-shop relation, we have tags as well as form blanks to deal with. One of these is shown in Fig. 3, a storage tag used by the Baker company of Cleveland. The tag itself is attached to the car while the two duplicate forms are for shop and office record.

The same firm uses tire and paint order cards in connection with repair work,

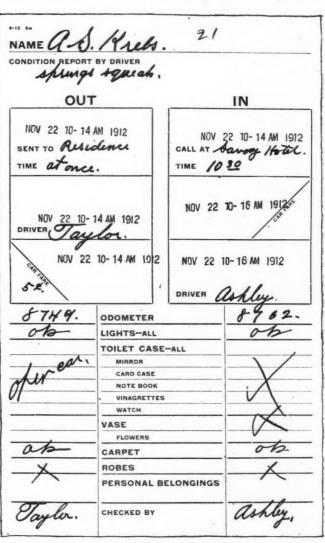
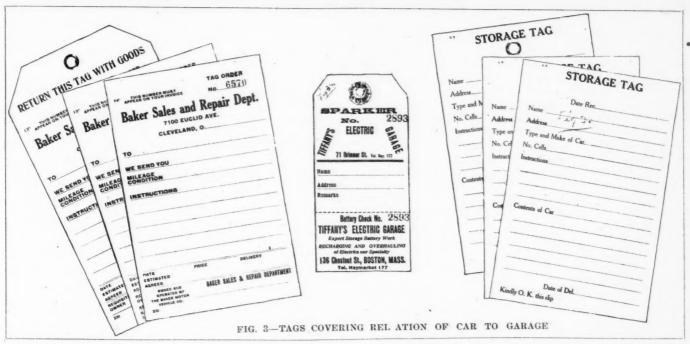


FIG. 2 CHASER CARD USED BY KREBS-GOTSHALL COMPANY OF DENVER, CHECKED BY ELECTRIC TIME CLOCK



which go into the shop with the car. The tire card is shown at Fig. 4, including a time card column which connects this card with the time sent to the office finally in the next division of reports.

The paint order is on a similar card and lists the following items: Paint No. 1, paint No. 2, paint No. 3, color of body, color of panel, color of chassis, body striping, chassis striping, monogram, miscellaneous, paint used, total. The vertical columns at the right list only time and amount.

Fig. 3 also shows tags used for other repair departments, the smaller one being a battery repair tag used by the Tiffany garage of Boston. A battery repair order used by the Baker garage is shown in Fig. 6 explains itself.

Shop to Office Relations

By far the largest number of forms as a rule appear in the shop to office relation. While their number is many the classes are easily noted. There are forms dealing with the storage, washing and polishing of cars, the daily or other inspections, both mechanical and battery, repair reports to the office, etc., etc.

Some firms use a daily blank which keeps record of all these things on one slip, excepting larger repairs, with details of the battery work on the same card, as shown by the Baker Vehicle Co.'s daily report in Fig. 7. This contains details of minor work done with the charging record for every hour and a space at the bottom filled out for the periodical battery inspection by cells.

The C. U. Williams & Son Co., Bloomington, Ill., uses a very ingenious blank shown in Fig. 8, whereon are shown the readings of the dial direct before and after charging. The report gives no details of the charging but merely aims to show the amount of current that is supplied. Most garages have a monthly battery

inspection. For this a special blank is furnished in many cases, the back of the daily report used by the Neumann-Lane Co. of Detroit being shown in Fig. 9. The front of the card contains the usual daily data for readings on charges for every day of the month, showing specific gravity,

volts, time, temperature, with the odometer reading, miles, and whether the car was washed in the last columns.

The reverse of the card is for the inspection figures as shown, and worthy of note is the report on the height of sediment in the cells.

This blank gives the time, temperature, voltage, gravity number, 1, 2, 3 and 4, and a space for remarks. In the bottom list the final readings are given for each cell from 1 to 40. This is printed on a card 8 by 9 inches in size.

Besides the battery inspections there are the mechanical inspections to be gone through with and some firms have the final shop report of both on the same card. One of these is shown in Fig. 10, filled out to show how it is used. This blank is used by the Woods Electric Vehicle Co., St. Louis, Mo., and explains itself throughout.

In keeping track of garaging operations and

storage the Fairchild Auto Co., of New Orleans, uses two small cards 3½ by 5½ inches, one marked "cars stored but not washed" and the other "cars washed and polished," signed by the superintendent and washer respectively, as reports to the office of work done.

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FIG. 4—TIRE REPAIR ORDER CARD

The Electric Truck Co., of Detroit, uses a daily driver's report in keeping track of the condition of vehicles which come into the shop at night. Some similar form is in use by nearly every garage and merely gives the night foreman a line on what each car needs to have done to it before the next day.

USED BY BAKER COMPANY

Keeping Track of Repairs

Most shops turn in a daily report on the number of cars in process of repair and their condition, this blank to be signed by the night foreman. From all these smaller shop records the final summaries are made up from which the billing is done in the office and part of these might come into the class of the office-owner relation.

Fig. 11 is of this nature, and partly taking in the scope of the daily log of out and in cars except that there is added thereto the battery condition and a record of washings, odometer readings, etc. This is a complete night record of all cars in the shop to be turned into the office. It is the final relation between the shop and office in the garage. The sheet shown is 81/2 by 14 inches and is used by the Woods company of St. Louis.

The Union Electric Light and Power Co. of St. Louis uses a special blank for tire reports, listing the name, car, wheel, kind of tire, date put on, odometer reading, date taken off, odometer reading, net miles per tire, remarks.

Other similar forms for other companies include, on the same sheet, cost and cost per mile.

The final section, that of the officeowner relation, mainly consists in monthly statements, any of which can be checked up by further records from the various shop and garage reports which have been turned in from the previous three sections noted.

With the Woods Electric Vehicle Co., of St. Louis, however, there is an extra post card form used between office and customer in informing the day when the monthly inspection will come due when the car will be required in the shop. The card reads:

St. Louis,.... Dear Madam :—
Your car will be held for inspection......

Please arrange to have it at our garage between and M.

Yours truly,

Woods Electric Vehicle Co.,

No explanation is needed as to how the card is used except that it is sent out 3 days in advance of inspection date.

The final sheet shown, Fig. 12, is the summary sheet used by the Electric Truck Co., of Detroit. This sheet divides the expenses into efficiency data, maintenance and operation costs and fixed charges, subdividing the divisions as shown. In the efficiency data is included miles traveled, kilowatt input, miles per kilowatt hours, days in use and days in shop.

Fixed Charges Noted

Under operation and maintenance costs come batteries, tires, power at -c per kilowatt hour, repairs and sundries, total and total per mile. Under fixed charges are given driver, foreman and office force, general garage expense, insurance takes and depreciation, and total.

The final summary gives the grand total and the total cost per mile. Any remarks are put at the bottom of the sheet.

Having thus the general forms it might be well to put together a list of forms as used by some representative firm or firms. Such a firm for example is the Electric Truck Co., of Detroit. This concern handles the garaging of both gasoline and electric trucks and employs a set of ten exceptionally good forms as follows:

Detail record card of each car.
Detail tire record of each tire.
Monthly operation record of each car.
Tire repair tag for shop.
Battery repair tag for shop.
Daily report card of all cars in shop and litton

-Nightly driver's report.

The first form, a 5 by 8-inch filing card, gives a general record of each car in detail listing the license number, capacity, date received, used for, odometer make, type of tires, make, department, price, type number, tire sizes, and having a space for remarks. A second card gives a complete tire record much like the one shown but more in detail, listing the car number dates on and off, odometer reading at time of putting on and taking off, the resultant mileage and remarks under the complete specification of the tire such as tire number, make, type, size, cost, and date received. The separate tire record is a good idea. On the reverse side is a listing of labor and material expended on the tire during its life.

A following form on a similar card is a monthly operation record giving at the top the date and car number for the report. Following is a list of dates from 1 to 31 and opposite each the columns mileage, kilowatt input, time in use, time in shop. This is made out by the garage foreman. Labor and materials, used in repair, are listed on the reverse of the card.

Tire and Battery Repairs

Tags of stiff manila paper 4 by 8 inches in size are also used for tire and battery repairs. These list the tire or battery number, the driver's name, date and hour taken to shop, nature of repairs wanted, at the top to be filled in by the auto driver, while at the bottom the report of the garage foreman covers the "date com-

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the car number, date, odometer reading, hours in shop, repairs, condition of car, and signature of driver. This is merely a mechanical report to guide the night foreman as to the work, if any, to be done on the car that night.

The battery inspection slip covers each separate cell of the car with the voltage and specific gravity reading for each cell. This is listed in two columns on a slip 4½ by 9 inches in size. At the bottom follows: The charge rate, rate during overcharge, hours overcharged, water added, and the signature of the man taking the readings.

From these inspections a weekly battery report is turned in covering each day of the period giving the time in garage, time on charging, amphere hours discharged, rate at start, volts end, start rate, reduced to finished rate, finish rate, volts at finish, time off charge, odometer reading, miles for day, wattmeter readings at start and finish, and kilowatt input; in columns consecutive on the top half of a 9 by 91/2 sheet, while the lower half lists in columns for each day the time, and volts during daily charge and in a small right hand space the time, volts, specific gravity and temperature during any period of overcharge with the separate date.

The final sheet has just been explained and shown in Fig. 12.

A glance at this final sheet will give all the data necessary to judge the performance of the machine while greater details are had on the other slips.

The last two columns give the total cost and the cost per mile.

Fig. 12 forms are used for the records in this garage for electric vehicles alone. Other similar forms used in the gasoline line are changed to fit the different type of vehicle.

Bookkeeping System

A system as complete as this involves bookkeeping but more than pays for itself in the amounts saved through a greater knowledge of every phase of the business. This firm undoubtedly has had experiences in the past which have brought up the need for each form used so far as its own particular business goes and it would seem that the larger and older the business the more system would be required.

The Baker Motor Vehicle Co., of Cleveland, O., has a very complete set of service blanks, no fewer than twenty-seven having been sent in response to the letter, as follows:

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CHARGING TICKET

C. U. Williams & Son Co.

GARAGE

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Owner's Name

Car Miles

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FIG. 7—BATTERY BLANK, SHOWING DIRECT DIAL READINGS

laneous forms of lesser import from the shipping, sales and purchasing departments. Some of these forms are of especial interest.

The repair department inspection report gives one the idea that repair work in this garage must be especially well handled. The parts listed to be checked are: Motor and reduction, controller, front axle—tie rod and spindle—front wheels, rear axle, rear wheels, brakes, transmission, alignment, lamps, wiring, hoods, doors, windows, distance rods, springs, shackles, steering parts, trimming, body, fenders, paint, battery, floor, general.' This slip is headed, of course, by the inspector's name and the car description with owner.

Somewhat similar report is given from the garage on the car report blank, but more definite. Here are listed: "Slip covers, lap robe, seat cushions, cushion blocks, carpet, curtains, side curtains, windows, window fasteners, rain apron, windshield, storm front, child's seat, toilet case, watch, mirror, note book, flower vase, door lock, keys, pull to handle,

lever lock to handle, heel board, seat board, head lamp, side lamp, rear lamp, dome lamp, bulbs, meter, meter light shield, meter base, odometer, license number, hub caps, fenders, hoods, hood keys, starting plug, charging plug, fuses, switches, tool box, spanner wrench, hub cap wrench, monkey wrench, Schrader wrench, battery, tires, extra tubes, Weed chain, tire repair outfit, patches, pump, screwdriver, pliers, jack, battery bridges, battery hooks, extra and remarks."

The daily report on batteries is shown in one of the illustrations, Fig. 7, and is very complete.

Customer's Monthly Record

An unusual card is the customer's monthly record, already mentioned, which is kept in the car. On it are listed daily the date, odometer reading, trip, filled, tested, charged and remarks, each in separate vertical column.

Rather than to follow out further the systems of various concerns in their entirety one would accomplish more by taking the forms for the same service from various concerns and comparing them.

Thus in battery report forms, both for inspection and charging, there are many different ways of approaching the same problem. The form shown elsewhere included the charging report in the night garage man's report on the same sheet, the Baker company of Cleveland uses the card D shown separate, including night work as well. The Neumann-Lane company of Detroit uses a separate slip for battery reports on which is included as noted a record of the height of sediment in the cell and the distance it had run. The ingenious battery card of the C. U. Williams Co. of Bloomington, Ill., on which the readings of the meter are shown direct as in the illustration, Fig. 8, is another way. Smith Brothers of Los Angeles use a daily charging card in duplicate containing the battery record, and also that of night work, such as washing,

The record blank of the Union Light and Power Co. of St. Louis has on the reverse side a separate specific gravity column and report, noting not only this

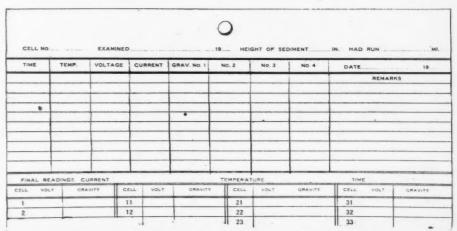


FIG. 8-BATTERY INSPECTION REPORT USED, BY NEUMANN-LAUB CO., DETROIT

WOODS ELECTRIC VEHICLE CO.
Date 6-5-/2
Owner Jones
Car Woods Odometer
Battery: Spec. Grav. of 6 Cells
1275-1280 7290-1280-1280-1280
Steering Gear Loose - OK.
Wheel Alignment OK.
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Motor OK. Cleaned
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Remarks:
Foreman must O. K. Report.
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Time: 2/2 hr 14,000

FIG. 9—WOODS' BI-MONTHLY INSPECTION CARD

but voltage for each cell. Being a charging concern, its system of keeping check on all vehicles charging at its stations is most complete.

The Tiffany electric garage of Boston and the Fairchild Auto Co. of New Orleans have detachable checks which are issued as a receipt when batteries are left for charging.

Loose-Leaf Methods

Differing from the garage reports and blanks is the list of forms used by Steinway & Sons, piano makers of New York. This firm keeps a daily motor truck record in a loose leaf book 13½ by 17 inches. This includes the following columns: Date, route, odometer out and in, total miles, weather, roads, repairs, tires, cost, cost per mile, remarks. At the top is placed the truck number and the date.

Added to this is a trucking report, not-

ing: Name, time, rate, amount, dinner, ferry, sundries, total, motor vehicle, horse vehicle. A third blank deals with cartage charges. This firm does not operate its own garage, so that it has no battery forms or the like.

Commenting on the forms submitted, the Woods electric garage of Philadelphia remarks: "We are much gratified by the results obtained by our garage system, especially in the life obtained from storage batteries, the majority of our pleasure car customers running from 2 to 3 years on standard thickness of plates and obtaining from 12,000 to 20,000 miles on a set of plates. We might mention that we use uniformed boys for delivering or calling for cars. The boys also are available for shopping or opera work at 25 cents an hour. The same system prevails on commercial vehicles and our system of inspection and careful battery attention has produced wonderful results in popularizing the electric vehicle in Philadelphia."

The organization and development of their system was due to Leonard H. Worne, now in charge of the Woods garage at Evanston, Ill.

Checking In and Out

The Continental Gas, Electric Light and Power Co. of Baltimore says: "Forms for checking the vehicles in and out of the garage are filled out each day by the driver of each vehicle before he leaves the garage and after he returns to it. The battery-charging report is kept by the switchboard operator, who takes hourly readings of the voltage and amperage of all the cars on charge and the specific gravity of the electrolite of each battery after it is fully charged.

"The daily repair and charging instruction sheet is made out each day by the inspector, who notes all needed repairs when the vehicles come into the garage. A charging instruction sheet is furnished to take care of any change in the charging rate brought about by changing the batteries in any car."

"Battery work and other repair work that may be done in our garage," says Emerson & Orme of Washington, D. C., "is charged for by the hour through the mechanic's time slips in the usual way. On the car record sheet the space under 'remarks' is used for noting down any complaints that may be made by the owners of the cars or for anything needing attention before the car goes out again."

Smith Brothers of Los Angeles use a duplicate invoice covering the charging of electrics, a yellow one being retained while a pink one goes to the customer. "These invoices," they report, "are kept by the foreman of our electric department and the original readings are placed upon the same. In this way you can realize that the customer knows just what is going into the car and how much time it takes. We have found it to be a very satisfactory way of keeping in touch with the charging in our electric department."

The Krebs-Gottshall Co. of Denver send its overhauling record into the shop with each car, the work being done and checked up on this report, which comes back to the manager for examination and filing.

The charging cards of this firm show the readings taken at the start of the charge and for every hour after, also when the car comes off charge, number of hours on charge, average ampere hours, line voltage and net kilowatt hours. These cards are turned in each morning by the night foreman. They are then checked up, entered on the semi-monthly record and filed away. The semi-monthly record is just what it pretends to be and records all the important items of the car's service and cost for the period.

The chaser card mentioned before, and illustrated elsewhere, is made out by the telephone operator at the time the order for the car is received over the wire. It is stamped at once with an electric time stamp. The car is then brought to the front of the garage, checked out and the driver stamps out and signs the card on leaving the garage, then stamps again on his return. The same procedure is gone through with when the car is sent in at night, and a report of the condition of the car is entered at the top.

Trucks Overhauled Weekly

Semi-monthly records are kept filed so that they may be referred to at any time. Motor trucks get a weekly overhaul in this garage, pleasure electrics a semi-monthly overhaul. This is included free in the regular garage rates.

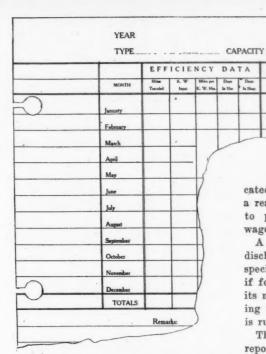
The Fairchild Auto Co. of New Orleans says: "We have a card for cars that are washed and polished, stating the license, make, owner, date and washer, and also a card, 'cars stored but not washed,' on which the same information is put. These cards are put out one at 6 a. m. and

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the other early in the morning, so that in this way a very complete track is kept of cars that are stored, washed and polished. We have also a book in which we put the customers who store here by the month. Any repairs to batteries or electric cars we put in a book kept for that purpose. We have a white card and a pink card, the white one for charging supplies, etc., to the customer and getting his receipt for same, and the pink one to credit him with goods returned. Red, blue and yellow tags, marked recharge, are used for our gas tank trade. On these we put the name of the purchaser, the date, the number of the full tank and the number of the returned empty."

Some Interesting Forms

The motor car department of the Union Electric Light and Power Co., St. Louis, Mo., uses a number of forms of interest. One sheet is used by the battery man in keeping a charging account of each battery. A sheet of this kind covers the charging operation over a period of 12 hours.

Another sheet is used for individual cell, voltage and specific gravity readings. This is taken once a week on every battery in the garage. With motor trucks all the batteries are removed when they come in on Saturday evenings and they are given a slow overcharge where indi-

cated over Sunday and Sunday night and a reading is taken Monday morning prior to putting the battery back into the wagon.

A third sheet is a record kept on the discharge of the battery, there being no special time when discharges are run, but if for any reason a battery fails to give its maximum capacity the Sunday following the noting of the trouble a discharge is run to develop the trouble.

The garage foreman fills out a daily report of the performance of trucks. The driver makes a daily report to the manager. By this means garage employes are checked from the reports of the drivers. This is found to be very essential. A separate form is used for a tire record. Other forms used are in the line of ordinary accounting.

Keeps Records in Books

The Electric Garage Co. of Omaha, Neb., keeps all records in book form. The charging record is strictly a temperature and specific gravity rating, while the record for checking cars in and out of the garage is kept in the odometer book, the mileage being taken every evening.

A record is kept of the time the cars are delivered in the morning as well as when they are called for at night. A repair order form takes care of all battery repairs. When the work is done a duplicate is returned to the office, an invoice being made from this repair order. A card index is kept in each owner's name, with a record of all repairs.

Thus are given many of the ways in which garage men have tackled the matter of account keeping and system. Some systems are better than others, but all contain good ideas from which may be culled those ideas which fit the particular case of the man who wants to know.

The handling of a modern garage is a business by itself, demanding all of the attention and business management that would be required of the keeper of a department store or a factory. It has its mechanical department and its electrical department, its repair department and its battery room. With these come shipping orders and receipts, the handling of salesmen, if the garage be an agency for cars as well, as is very often the case, and in this selling end of the garage there must be competent oversight.

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FIG. 11-FINAL SUMMARY OF ALL CHARGES

Added to these is the track kept of each customer, not only in his relation to the ear but in his relation to the office; the credit systems, the collection of accounts, and the determination of the responsibilities of customers.

All of these lines and all of their branches must be fitted together into a business machine, each department working in conjunction with another, like a train of gears and all friction and squeaks must be eliminated.

To avoid misunderstandings, mistakes and loss there must be proper forms to carry out the system and on these and their completeness and thoroughness of record will depend much of the garage efficiency. At the same time the system must be simple with no more "gears" than the business requirements demand.

Private Installation Reports

Besides the forms for the public garage there might be mentioned those used by larger firms with many cars for keeping track of their own private installations. These as a rule can be made simpler than where the shop is dealing with a round of customers for there need be but little bookkeeping in connection with accounts, repair systems are simpler, and there is less of routine all around.

As to the car's relation to the shop in this case this is generally limited so far as forms go to the nightly report of the driver.

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FIG. 12-GARAGE LOG DESIGNED BY BAKER MOTOR VEHICLE CO.

Care of Electric Vehicle Storage Batteries

Commonwealth Edison Co., of Chicago Believes in Educating Its Customers and Issues Directions for Looking After Power Plants of Commercial Trucks—System Important Part

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FIG. 1—CHARGING CARD AND BATTERY RECORD FURNISHED CHICAGO CUSTOMERS

S the electric storage battery is a vital part of the electric vehicle so the care of the battery is a vital branch of electric vehicle operation.

Where a firm is operating a large fleet of vehicles it is usual for it to run its own garage, having a man in its own employ to attend to battery work. This one is supposed to be trained for his particular

The small user of the electric vehicle has a different problem. Of course he can have his machine attended to at a garage under contract, but even then it is important that he know something about battery care and management so that in the case of trouble he will be able to gauge reasons and the better place the blame for failures on the proper shoulders.

That battery care is important is shown in the case of a certain department store which had an unfortunate experience with electrics on its first try out. This firm now prefers horses. The reason is something as follows:

Uses Wrong System

When other city stores began the use of electric vehicles this firm got in line and purchased a machine for tryout. The truck was put on the road on old horse routes and was attended to in the garage of the firm. The man having it in charge was unacquainted with electric battery operation and as a result the mileage obtained was not sufficient and could not be depended upon; the batteries depreciated to an alarming extent and the vehicle in general proved a miserable failure. It was the vehicle that gave out and hence it was the vehicle that was blamed. That the failure was due to ignorant handling was not considered.

The argument of the agent that the electric is foolproof does not hold in the garage as it does on the road, for ignorance in the shop is fatal to an electric vehicle. Ignorance is becoming less dangerous, however, with each succeeding improvement in the storage batterey.

Commonsense Methods

Other firms in the same locality using the same make of truck made failures of their machines at the start. They charged their batteries too fast and injured the plates, or overcharged and burned them. They charged in a cold room and then wondered why they couldn't get the mileage; they used the wrong meters and the wrong reading systems in charging so that they did not know what was going into the battery. The result was short battery life. Again the cost of current was higher in those days and the central station took small pains in instructing users of current as to battery care.

The one firm, disgusted with the experience, quit trying and went back to the horse. The other firms took the lessons they had learned, built upon them and finally became expert in the handling of batteries and in their charging so that at last with the one or two cars running success was attained and the delivery put on a paying basis.

This has happened within the last year largely, so that now, knowing the possibilities and also the limitations of the battery the firms know just what to do and are planning to do it. The firm that gave up is still wallowing in the mire of horse inefficiency.

Valuable Instructions

To obtain success with motor trucks or any electric vehicles battery care is necessary. To obtain the care the owner should know some of the first rules of the work. Realizing this, the Commonwealth Edison Co. of Chicago has gotten out a set of instructions which contains the main rules and directions for taking care of batteries of the lead type. Some of the directions given follow:

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1—Before starting to charge, ascertain from the vehicle or battery manufacturers the capacity of the battery in kilowatt hours; that is, the number of kilowatt hours of electrical energy that must be put into the battery in order to obtain from the vehicle its rated mileage on one charge.

2—Keep an account of the kilowatt hours used for each charge by reading the kilowatt hour meter installed in each case by the Commonwealth Edison Co.

3—Estimate, roughly at least, if not exactly, the amount of charge already in the battery by testing the strength of the solution in the battery.

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4—When the battery is only partially discharged it requires only a partial charge. Charging a battery that is already full is not only a waste of current, but is injurious to the battery.

5—Do not charge too fast as it shortens the

charged it requires only a partial charge. Charging a battery that is already full is not only a waste of current, but is injurious to the battery.

5—Do not charge too fast as it shortens the life of the battery; that is, do not as a rule exceed the charging rate recommended by the battery manufacturer for the particular size of battery that is in the vehicle.

6—If a battery is discharged until it is practically empty, it should be charged again, at least partially, without much delay. If allowed to stand for any length of time, more than the usual number of kilowatt hours of current will be required to get it back to a fully charged condition.

7—When a battery is being charged, the voltage of the battery rises and the gravity of strength of the acid in the battery increases. When the battery is being discharged the voltage decreases and the acid becomes weaker.

8—The increase of acid strength, or specific gravity, is directly proportional to the number of kilowatt hours of current put into the battery, the specific gravity curve being practically a straight line. The increase of voltage on the other hand is not proportional to the number of kilowatt hours put into the battery, but increases rapidly at the commencement and also towards the end of the charging current.

9—Either a voltmeter or hydrometer may be used to determine when a battery is fully charged, but preferably both methods should be employed, one as a check on the other.

10—Automatic devices for shutting off the current when the battery is supposed to be fully charged may sometimes be used to advantage, but care should be taken to have them in good working order and adjusted correctly. They can not be relied upon to operate when anything happens to be wrong with any of the cells in the battery or where there is considerable variation in the line voltage.

11—The Commonwealth Edison Co. furnishes two kinds of current—direct and alternating. If a battery is to be charged in a district where direct current is supplied, resistance coils are used



be opened when through charging, as a certain amount of electricity is used to keep the recti-

fier coils excited.

14—The mileage that can be made with a certain number of kilowatt hours of charge can be found by observation and should not vary as long as the conditions under which the vehicle is operated remain unchanged.

15—If the mileage obtainable from a given number of kilowatt hours begins to fall off, the cause of the falling off should be looked for without delay and the vehicle put in good running order.

Following their care.

Following these rules are some general remarks relating to the importance of battery care:

The amount of care that a properly constructed battery needs is so small that batteries may sometimes be operated for months at a time and apparently in a satisfactory manner without receiving any intelligent attention whatsoever. Unfortunately for the reputation of electric vehicles this fact has in too many cases been responsible for the impression that a storage battery will work equally well whether any care is taken of it or not. Such, however, is not the case.

To insure continued good service it is absolutely necessary that a record be kept of the amount of current that is put into the battery and that the strength of the acid in the individual cells be tested every few weeks in order to know if all the cells are working uniformly. If for any reason one or more of the cells are not keeping in step with the rest of the battery in regard to rise and fall of voltage and specific gravity, the effect may not be immediately noticeable in the operation of the vehicle but the voltmeter reading can no longer be relied upon to indicate when the battery is fully charged, and, as a consequence, the charging is likely to be done in a way that is wasteful of current and injurious to the battery. A defective cell should be taken out and put in good condition without delay.

Charging Batteries

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Although it is essential that the charging should be done in a careful and intelligent manner, in order to obtain good service, no hard and fast rules for charging can be laid down that will apply equally well under all conditions. The reason for this is that a lead battery will absorb current at a greater rate at the commencement of the charge, and consequently the rate that will charge the battery in the shortest time without injury to the plates will taper gradually from the commencement to the end of the charge.

In some cases the number of cells in a battery may be so proportioned to the voltage of the charging circuit that the increase of voltage of the battery while charging will reduce the current flowing into the battery in such a way that no adjustment of the charging apparatus is needed during the whole time the battery is charging. These conditions, however, are not found in all cases, and as it is generally difficult in practice to taper off the current in the way that would theoretically give the best results, it is usual to recommend that the charging be started at a comparatively high rate and reduced towards the end of the charge to about one-half of that rate.

The starting and finishing rates for any particular size of battery can be obtained from the manufacturer of the battery that is used. The rates recommended by different battery makers are practically the same for cells of the same weight.

The equipment of every electric vehicle should include the following:

A voltmeter to indicate when the battery is fully charged; an ampere meter to show the rate at which current is going into, or out, of the battery; a hydrometer to test the strength of the acid in the battery, and a mileage indicator.

When a battery is fully charged and still charging at the finishing rate, the voltage of

rate at which current is going into, or out, of the battery; a hydrometer to test the strength of the acid in the battery, and a mileage indicator.

When a battery is fully charged and still charging at the finishing rate, the voltage of each cell should be a little over 2.8 volts, which for a battery of forty cells would amount to about 104 volts.

A special hydrometer is made for testing the strength of storage battery acid. This instrument has a scale reading from 1100 to 1300 degrees of specific gravity. When a battery is fully charged experience has shown that the best results are obtained when the strength of the acid is about 1280 specific gravity. When a battery is practically empty the gravity usually reads about 1180. The range, however, will vary somewhat with the type of battery used. The actual range for any particular battery may be found by observation, after which the state of charge of the battery will be indicated by the specific gravity of the acid. Although it is not so convenient as a rule to take gravity readings as to observe the voltmeter readings, the indications of the hydrometer are more reliable than those of the voltmeter, as they are independent of the current that is passing through the battery. The accuracy also of the voltmeter on account of its more delicate construction is somewhat liable to be affected by the joiting of the vehicle, while the readings of the hydrometer



are not subject to errors of this source.

When a lead battery is in operation a certain amount of the material of the plates is thrown off by the action of the current and drops to the bottom of the jar. To prevent this sediment from interfering with the action of the battery, the plates are not allowed to rest on the bottom of the jars, but are supported by strips which keep them an inch or more above the bottom. After the battery has been in operation for about 6 months the accumulation of sediment will probably be nearly up to the bottom of the plates. If this is the case, the battery should be taken apart and the sediment removed by an experienced person, after which the battery can be operated until it is again in need of cleaning.

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Particular care should be taken to remove the sediment before it has reached the plates instead of waiting until the operation of the vehicle has shown that there is something wrong with the battery. Every few months the plates should be taken out of one of the cells to see whether or not the battery needs cleaning.

Briefly then, the care of a storage battery consists of putting the right number of kilowatt hours of electricity into it at the proper rate; testing the individual cells at regular intervals to detect minor accidents; removing the sediment before it reaches the plates, and adding a little distilled water occasionally to replace evaporation.

As an aid to charging records the Commonwealth Edison Co. furnishes blank cards as shown in Fig. 1, and which customers are recommended to use in keeping check on their own equipment and its satisfactory work.

Differing from the directions just given are those for the care of Edison cells. These cells require frequent flushing with distilled water and must be kept clean but otherwise require little attention. They are guaranteed for a life of from 3 to 4 years and many cells seen in use in Chicago which have lived the average life of a lead cell are seemingly as good as new and still giving as great an output as at the start.

Should Test Specific Gravity

It is claimed that these cells cannot be charged too fast, or abused in any way in charging or overcharging. All that is necessary is to test the specific gravity before starting the charge to see how much current is required to fill the battery and then plug in. At the end of the discharge period the plug is drawn. If it is not drawn at the proper time the batteries suffer no hurt from the overcharge.

These batteries, too, can come in entirely empty and on being charged again take up full load immediately. Most of the lead cells take time to recuperate after such treatment.

Boosting an Edison cell between charges does it no harm. On the other hand the Edison cell is higher priced than the lead type, a little slower and possibly uses a little more current. Its advantages, however, are many and its use is rapidly increasing.

Eliminating a Trouble

The Boston Store in Chicago uses Edison batteries exclusively. At the start there was some trouble with the cells through dirt gathering on the tops of the batteries, excelsior and water leaking down from the car floor above. The solution on charge would boil up and the result would be several leaky cells. When the trouble was located, however, a rubber sheet was placed over the battery between it and the floor of the car and in the drawing and since then-over a year there has been not the slightest trouble. The specific gravity of the liquid is kept about 11.84, and the cells are flushed twice a week with distilled water. There is no sediment to watch, according to the barn man of this firm.

For the private owner of a single electric delivery vehicle it is generally an advantage to let out the work of battery handling and charging rather than to experiment on one's own car. When more cars are added it is a mere business proposition of figuring to determine by local conditions and costs when it will pay to start a plant to take care of one's own batteries, hiring a man especially for the work. When enough cars are in use to keep a man busy all the time, one generally can plan on keeping the machines under his own care, provided enough current is used by the vehicles to keep current cost down to a proper level.

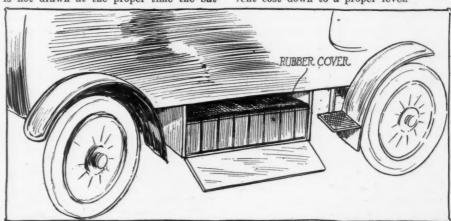


FIG. 2-RUBBER BATTERY COVER USED FOR EDISON CELLS BY BOSTON STORE, CHI-

Figuring the Cost of Truck Operation

So Many Items Enter Into Calculations that Every Case Becomes a Separate Problem—How Some Concerns Secure Desired Data—Chart Shows Schedule of Prices for Charging Batteries—Good Average Obtained

I'T is daily becoming more evident that to name a figure as the cost of running any certain motor truck is misleading. This is especially true of electrics.

We often hear it said that it costs \$12 a day inclusive to run a 3½-ton truck. This may be true in most cases or some cases, but in others it is entirely misleading. Because it costs A \$12 a day to run a truck, it is no sign that in B's work it cannot be run for \$8, or that with C it will cost \$20 with the same vehicle. All depends on the conditions under which the machine works, the number of men carried, the kind of roads, the waits, etc.

Again, the man who ran the machine on \$8 a day might be losing money on the truck, while the man who had to pay \$14, for instance, might be saving \$20 a day on the truck over former horse systems.

With the gasoline motor truck conditions are not so broad, for the cost per mile of gas, oil, tires, etc., will not vary so greatly. With all trucks so many items enter into costs that every case is a separate problem.

In the first place the price of current varies considerably with the location, some cities having better facilities than others. Some central station firms have been quick to see the value of the motor truck and its possibilities for increasing the current used from their plant and have put special men to handle the work. These have met the electric truck users more than half way and have showed them how to operate to best advantage, knowing that satisfied users of electric vehicles would bring more current consumers into the field by increasing the number of electric vehicle installations.

Studying the Situation

Electric truck users in these towns have gone to work with their new delivery systems with a good start and under knowing guidance, thus avoiding many of the costly pitfalls which are met with by the first users in towns where there are no facilities for instruction.

Again there are firms running factories or plants of one kind and another which have facilities for generating their own current and doing their own charging. It stands to reason that some of these can save money by this arrangement, others will lose. The writer has in mind a certain firm operating a large plant which for purposes of illustration we will call a laundry. Here they have in operation a large number of machines operated by a power plant in the rear of the main buildings and consuming about 10 tons of coal a day. The plant runs day and night

with work a trifle heavier at night. Some forty trucks, mostly electric, are used in the delivery of the goods and all of these are handled by the firm.

These cars are charged at night and figures show that the difference in coal consumed in the boiler room during the heavier night hours, including the extra work in the plant itself, is only 2 tons above the day figure. There is no addition to the number of employes over the day force on account of the motor trucks except the man in charge of the battery charging. Figuring the cost of the coal at \$8 for the two extra tons, the current for the cars is costing but \$8 a day, or for forty cars 20 cents per car per day.

It is admitted that this figure is unusual, for 50 cents per day is nearer the average figure for ordinary service, yet this firm, as it figures it, is charging the cars at 20 cents per day's run.

Figuring the Upkeep

Other costs mentioned by the superintendent of the plant are interesting as figures for this one case and some would apply approximately in any case. Upkeep costs for each vehicle come to \$383 per year. Batteries costing \$225 are lasting the firm 1 year on the average. One set of batteries lasted 16 months, while others last only 8 months, but the figure 12 is average.

The life of the battery was said to depend on the thoroughness of the drying out of what they called the mud part of the battery in the manufacture. Added to this was a certain amount of careless handling in charging which burnt some of the cells when comparatively new, through overcharging. Other batteries were deteriorated by misuse on the road. All of this limited the life average to 1 year, costing about \$19 per month.

Tires on these 1-ton cars run 10 months average at a cost of about \$60 per set or \$72 per year. In keeping track of these the number of each tire is listed when put on as well as the wheel number. Every wheel in the shop has a number. A strict record is kept of every tire and wheel in the garage.

This firm plans on painting each car every 2 years, touching up and varnishing being done every year. Averaging the painting and touching-up jobs, the paint



cost comes to \$43 per year average. Judging by the looks of some of the cars used by this firm, the painting is done none too often.

The amount for daily repairs varies with the driver and somewhat with the battery weight of the vehicle, but figures at close to \$18 per year, while replacements come to \$25 per year. All of these items add up to \$383. Sixty dollars may be put to this for current per year, making \$443 for running costs outside of driver.

As to driver's wages this cannot be determined by this firm, as each driver is a salesman or solicitor and is paid by a percentage of the business he does. If he makes more stops and handles more business than his neighbor driver he earns more pay. Thus the driver cost is not fixed in this case, but is figured in as selling cost on the goods handled by the firm. Any mileage a driver makes with a motor truck or added work he does over horse equipment-which this firm operates at about the same cost-is so much velvet-both for the firm and the driver. It is this extra that makes the motor truck a paying proposition.

For instance, there was a certain route on which originally five horses were used—one extra, for emergencies. Two wagons covered the route. After making a trip and finding that the roads were in good shape in the districts an electric truck was put to work. It has since done the work of the five horses and two wagons every day with more reliability than the horses and quicker, covering more territory.

Foreman Makes Daily Report

In figuring costs on vehicles the foreman of the shop turns in a report each day on a blank as follows:

O. K. Foreman. Manager.

After the manager's O. K. is affixed the sheet is copied into the books in its relation to each car.

The figures given would bring the cost of the car's operation in this plant to about \$4.15 per day without driver or fixed charges, such as interest, insurance, etc.

In operating electrics all of course centers about the battery. These are the expensive parts of a truck and need the most care. The cost of operation of a vehicle will depend largely upon the way



the batteries are handled and what brains are put into the handling of the electrical end of the garage.

The charging of batteries is an important branch of truck maintenance as affecting repair and upkeep costs as aside from the current consumption itself.

In charging the storage batteries there are two kinds of current to be purchased, the alternating and direct. This current can be put in at any time if in small quantities, but where many vehicles are used the machines should be charged off peak or at times other than when the central station is working to its fullest capacity.

Securing the Current

The greatest loads on central stations come when the most lights are used, such as between 6 and 11 p. m., and plants must be of a size to handle this maximum load without trouble. This being so much greater at these times there is of necessity more equipment in operation during those hours. At other hours much of this must remain idle, so that the central stations can afford to furnish current at the low periods at a less rate than at the peak period, to keep the station busy at off hours.

Again the price per kilowatt depends on the consumption, the small consumer being charged more than twice the amount per kilowatt that the large consumer pays.

The accompanying chart, with curve, shows the facts of electric vehicle charging with the schedule of prices in force by one of the largest central power stations in America. The column at the left with the figures represents the price per kilowatt, the lower horizontal row of figures the kilowatt-hour consumption per month. Since the price depends on the consumption, these may be resolved into the curves shown.

The shorter curve, starting at a price of 4 cents per kilowatt, is on the all-day schedule. The rate of 4 cents holds for single 1, 2, 3½ and 5-ton vehicles. For two 2-ton vehicles the rate is slightly less and so on down to the point where the two curves cross, where twenty 1-2-ton vehicles are consuming 6,700 kilowatts and have the rate of about 3¼ cents per kilowatt.

When consumption gets to this point it will pay the consumer to switch to the off—peak schedule shown on the other curve, for beyond this the rate drops very quickly on the new curve.

Workings of the Plant

Twenty 1-ton vehicles, for instance, consuming 11,600 kilowatts are charged but 2½ cents. This figure, by the way, exactly coincides with the current consumption bill of a large department store for a recent month, this firm operating just twenty 1-ton vehicles, showing the approximate accuracy of the curve.

If fifty 1-ton machines were used the



rate would drop to 2% cents and so on. The lowest figure shown would be 1.7 cents for 100 3-ton machines.

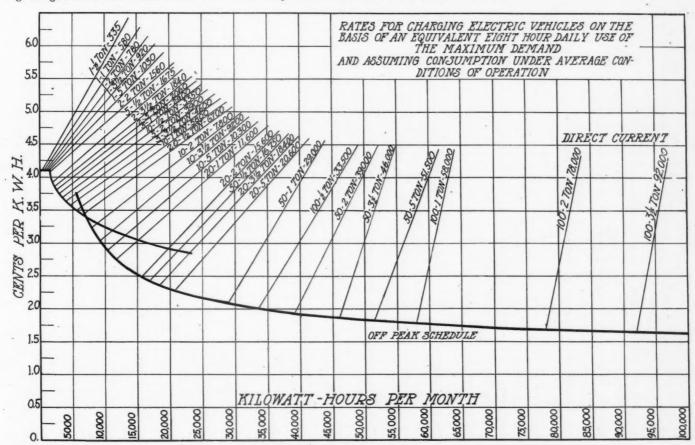
These figures are for direct current and for machines in ordinary conditions of service, but are by no means to be taken as iron-clad.

When alternating current is used the figure will be lower by 10 or 15 per cent, but when one remembers that there is a loss of 20 per cent or more through the motor generator which changes the current to direct for the battery charging it will be seen that it will cost more to charge from the alternating lines.

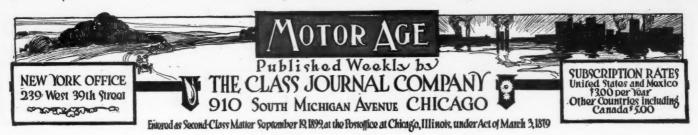
Discovering a Leak

One user of a 3-ton electric vehicle recently made a complaint as to the cost of current, his bill being \$80 to \$90 per month, whereas others were getting current for their machines for \$6 to \$9. On checking up the firm it was found that the alternating current was being charged by an old type of inefficient belt-drive motor-generator which on test showed a loss of over 50 per cent. This and other pieces of mismanagement caused the extra expense.

Electric vehicle costs are largely dependent on the user and a little study of the vehicle now and then will save many dollars.



RATES FOR CHARGING ELECTRICS ON BASIS OF 8-HOUR WORKING DAY



The Electric Industry

N O other characteristic of the motor industry for 1912 stands out with greater significance than the progress made in the electric passenger car field, and also in the wider use of electric commercial cars. Heretofore the use of electric passenger vehicles has centered in a dozen cities, some of these being of minor importance, whereas metropolitan centers in the east in particular have not been nearly so great users of these vehicles as their population would indicate. During the past year there has been a very general introduction of the electric passenger vehicles in scores of cities where they hitherto were comparatively unknown or had a very limited following and indications point to a continued increase.

THE credit of this more general use of the electric is due to the makers of these vehicles and also to the central station interests by central station being meant the companies furnishing electric current in these cities.

THE activity of the manufacturer has shown itself in the more general production of closed body types, and also in the introduction of larger bodies, which can most satisfactorily take the place of the gasoline limousine, where the buyer is disposed to favor the use of the electric. In addition to one or two makers listing types, practically all of the others have enlarged their brougham styles and redesigned them so that all of the passengers face forward, giving a body which satisfactorily meets all the requirements of city use. Such a body is practically on a par with what is known as the single-compartment type now gaining in popularity with gasoline adherents and which is proving its worth.

THE electric manufacturer deserves credit in taking up this field of manufacture and developing a department in which it is possible to have the electric passenger vehicle supplement a gasoline equipment. In a dozen cities car owners have found it convenient to equip with a gasoline touring type and an electric closed type, one complementing the other. This is particularly desirable where the owner drives, in that the single-compartment electric type gives an admirable winter and wetweather vehicle.

IT is commendable that manufacturers of electrics should take a rational view of this department and aim at producing a vehicle excellently adapted for city and town use, instead of trying to produce a high-speed machine for other fields. Electric makers are now uniting in the matter of keeping the speed of the vehicles down—in fact, recommendations have been made to standardize speeds, so that added battery equipment gives increased radius of action to the electric vehicle, rather than dangerously high speeds.

BUT while alert in the selection of fruitful fields for development, the electric maker has also been busy in the mechanical development of his product. Credit must be given to the battery makers for what they have done, and by means of which it is possible to bring the electric to its present mature stature, but the engineer of the vehicle must receive his consideration. He has been working along varied lines, and while nothing radi-

cal appears, the little details show that he is keeping step with the trend of the times. There is a steady adoption of inclosed drive, the propeller shaft being the most popular adaptation of this. At present but two or three exponents of the exposed chain remain. While the double reduction between the armature shaft and the rear wheels is in the majority, there is a slow movement in the direction of a single reduction, but at present it is impossible to state what the final situation will be.

THE electric, which has always been characterized with simple and trouble-proof control, has made advancements along this line, all with the one object of making it well adapted for women, who, in so many cities of the United States, are great users of them.

THE electric commercial vehicle has received steady assistance during the year from the central station people, who have, although slow in coming to a realization of the matter, at last realized the dollar-and-cent value of the motor truck as a consumer of current. These interests have taken up the question with avidity and have done wonders to help the sale of trucks in their localities. One leading eastern concern announces that since it has started an electric vehicle department there has been a 500 per cent increase in current used in charging vehicle batteries; and further states that there has been a 100 per cent increase in current consumption in the past 6 months. Reports from two-dozen other centers show practically the same general increase in the use of electrics.

MUCH of the credit for the present co-operative movement of the electric vehicle interests is due to the aggressive policy of the Electric Vehicle Association of America, which national organization is getting its local sub-organizations working in several of the leading cities. This organization has taken up the varied aspects of the industry; and in addition to promoting general advertising for the benefit of electrics, has lent its assistance to the matter of developing electric garages, reducing the rates of insurance, standardizing charging plugs, adopting standard signs for battery charging stations and, in a word, working along every possible linefor the development of the industry, and the attracting of public attention to it, all of which is most commendable.

NE of the most important works of the Electric Vehicle Association of America is that of education, a work at present in its infancy, but one which is bound to receive more attention as time goes on. This organization realized that the success of an electric commercial vehicle largely depends on the driver, and that to get the most out of a driver he must be educated to a degree. With this object before it the association is at present developing a strong spirit towards drivers' courses of instruction in leading cities. The object of these courses is mainly to give the drivers a requisite knowledge of electricity to make them competent and efficient operators of vehicles. These courses will also include the elements of business, which it is necessary for a driver to understand if he is to adequately fill his position. Education along these lines is what is needed for the drivers.

Boston Man Wins Winton Upkeep Test

CEVELAND, O., Dec. 28—John L. Dondero, chauffeur for F. M. Hauthaway of Boston, sixth last year, is the winner of the fifth annual upkeep contest promoted by the Winton Motor Car Co., which hangs up \$3,500 in cash prizes for those drivers of Winton sixes who best serve their employers by saving them money in repair bills. Last year Dondero piloted his car 22,932 miles, with no upkeep expense, while this year he totaled 26,987 miles, also with The winner of the 1911 contest was P. W.

Mulford, driver for R. R. Reilly, of Cincinnati, whose car turned 27 325

cinnati, whose car turned 27,325 miles, with an upkeep expense of \$1.20.

Three others of last year's prize-winning twenty were recognized this time-Brubaker and Green, of Chicago, and Stokes of Philadelphia. Last year Brubaker was thirteenth with 18,960 miles and no expense; this year he was fifth with 15,729 miles and no repair bill. Green was eighteenth last year with 16,531 miles and a bill of \$10.76; this year he was second with 22,928 miles and no expense. Stokes had 13,853 miles last year and no expense, being nineteenth, and this year he landed eighteenth

with 11,126 miles and no expense.

The judges were E. E. Schwarzkopf, of the Automobile Club of America, New York; R. G. Howse, Earl Reeve and John E. Williams, of Chicago; and D. G. Newton, of Cleveland. Their awards were as fol-

First prize, \$1,000, to John L. Dondero, chauffeur for F. M. Hauthaway, Boston, who drove 26,987 miles with no repair expense.

Second prize, \$500, to William J. Green, chauffeur for Dr. Espy L. Smith, Chicago, who drove 22,928,8 miles with no repair expense.

Third prize, \$250, to Thomas Murren, chauffeur for J. M. Anderson, Medford, Mass., who drove 16,477 miles at a repair expense of 95 cents.

Fourth prize, \$150, to Albert Bedard, chauffeur for Charles B. Maguire, Providence, who drove 18,245.3 miles at a repair expense of \$18.01.

J. L. Dondero Drives 26.987 Miles Without Any Repair Expense

Fifth prize, \$100, to E. P. Brubaker, chauffeur for J. W. Stevens, Chicago, who drove 15,729 miles with no repair expense.

Sixth prize, \$100, to J. Walter Tracy, chauffeur for James C. Biggert, Crafton, Pa., who drove 14,022 miles with no repair expense.

Seventh prize, \$100, to J. F. Folger, chauffeur for J. S. Snyder, San Francisco, who drove 14,474.6 miles at a repair expense of 75 cents.

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J. L. DONDERO, WINNER OF WINTON UPKEEP CONTEST

Ninth prize, \$100, to Herbert Decker, chauffeur for Mrs. R. Whitehill, Newburgh, N. Y., who drove 12,541.8 miles with no repair ex-

who drove 12,541.8 miles with no repair expense.

Tenth prize, \$100, to L. V. Wright, chauffeur for Charles F. Lembke, New York, who drove 12,716 miles at a repair expense of 15 cents.
Eleventh prize, \$100, to A. N. Peters, chauffeur for H. G. MacDougall, Brighton, Mass., who drove 13,845.4 miles at a repair expense of 95 cents.

Twelfth prize, \$100, to E. A. Hodge, chauffeur for F. H. Heald, Milford, N. H., who drove 13,441 miles at a repair expense of \$21.22.

Thirteenth prize, \$100, to Harry Batch, chauffeur for Joseph F. Mayhugh, North Brad. N. Y., who drove 11,743.3 miles at a repair expense of \$53.65.

Fourteenth prize, \$100, to S. J. Meneely, chauffeur for Harry Livingston, New York, N. Y., who drove \$11,743.3 miles at a repair expense of \$5.25.

Fifteenth prize, \$100, to John L. Scott, chauffeur for Marcus Bacharach, Philadelphia, who drove 12,271 miles at a repair expense of \$5.25.

Sixteenth prize, \$100, to Joseph H. Gallo, chauffeur for Harry Livingston, New York, who drove 11,307 miles at no repair expense, Seventeenth prize, \$100, to William Ahrens, chauffeur for R. H. Reid, Brooklyn, who drove 11,150 miles at no repair expense.

Eighteenth prize, \$100, to E. E. Stokes, chauffeur for the Friends' Asylum, Philadelphia, who drove 11,126.3 miles at no repair

Nineteenth prize, \$100, to Clarence Finley, chauffeur for N. D. Frazer, Chicago, who drove 11,119.5 miles at a repair expense of \$1.25.

Twentieth prize, \$100, to William J. Armstrong, chauffeur for H. C. Rumpp, Philadelphia, who drove 10,870 miles at a repair expense of 85 cents.

Four chauffeurs who were hot contestants for big money reported total mileage of 88,000 miles, but their records were not

> accepted because they had permitted their odometers to remain out of order at one time

In the 5 years of this contest, the money winners have divided \$14,500 and have driven more than a million miles. The average repair expense for 5 years is 29.2 cents per 1,000 miles. The first 2 years of the contest the Winton company offered only ten prizes each year, with the cash totaling \$2,500. The contest proved so popular, however, that another \$1,000 was added and the number of possible prize winners increased to twenty. The annual figures

Year	Cars	Total Mileage	Repair Expense
1912 1911	20 20	290,759 394,333,9	\$131.98 20.88
1910 1909	10 10	165,901.9 118,503	6.96 127.30
1908		65,687.4	15.13
Totals	70	1,035,185.2	\$302.25

The idea of the contest-that of saving repair bills through the carefulness of the chauffeur-has appealed to the owners also, many of whom have entered into the spirit of the affair with as much zest as their drivers, permitting the chauffeurs to run up extra mileage when they are not on duty in order to give them a chance to win.

MEETINGS

January 14-16—Motor and Accessory Manufacturers' meetings at New York.
January 14-16—Society of Automobile Engineers' meetings at New York. SHOWS

SHOWS

December 7-22—Paris salon.

December 16-21—Seattle, Wash.

January 2-10— Importers' Salon, Hotel
Astor, New York,

January 4-11—Cleveland.

January 4-11—Montreal.

January 11-18—New York pleasure car
show; Automobile Board of Trade; Madison
Square Garden and Grand Central Palace.

January 11-22—Brussels, Belgium.

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January 20-25—New York truck show; Automobile Board of Trade; Grand Central
Palace and Madison Square Garden.

January 18-25—Philadelphia pleasure car
show.

January 21-26—Toledo show.
January 25-February 1—St. Johns, N. B.
January 25-February 1—Providence, R. I.
January 25-February 1—Montreal, Canada.
January 27-February 1—Rochester, N. Y.

January 27-February 1—Ottawa, Ont. January 27-February 1—Scranton, Pa. January 27-February 1—Detroit. January 27-February 1—Buffalo, N. Y. January 27-February 1—Philadelphia truck

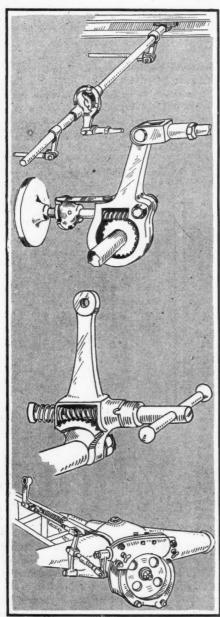
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February 15-22—Albany, N. Y. February 16-23—Richmond, Va. February 17-22—Kansas City pleasure car February 16-23—Kansas City pleasure car show.

February 18-19—Madison, Wis.
February 18-21—Grand Forks, N. D.
February 19-23—Topeka, Kans.
February 19-23—New Orleans, La.
February 29-23—New Orleans, La.
February 24-March 1—St. Louis, Mo.
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February 26-March 1—Gien Falls, N. Y.
March 3-8—Sioux City, Ia.
March 3-5—Cinclinati commercial show.
March 1-8—Pittsburgh.
March 3-9—Des Moines, Ia.
March 3-15—Des Moines, Ia.
March 11-15—Des Moines truck show.
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March 18-22—Syracuse, N. Y.
March 18-22—Truck show, Buffalo, N. Y.
March 19-26—Boston truck show.
March 20-24—New Orleans, La.
March 24-29—Indianapolis.

Brake Designs on Many European Cars



Differential on Pipe brake gear; Bayard brake adjustment; Aries brake adjustment; La Buire rear axle and brake

Passing of Transmission Braking Noted at Paris Salon

PARIS, Dec. 21—One of the features of the Paris show is the attention given to brakes, with the remarkable landslide towards the use of both sets of brakes on the rear wheel drums. Two years ago only one firm adopted this method of braking. This year rear wheel brakes are not in the majority, but the number having just adopted them is so great as to be really remarkable. The French law stipulates that every car shall be equipped with two independent braking systems, of which one set shall act directly on the rear wheels. It has been the custom to put the hand-operated brakes on the rear wheels and to have a foot brake on the transmission.

Abandoning Transmission Brakes

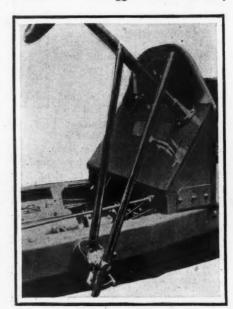
Among the firms having abandoned the transmission brake and placed both sets on the rear wheels drums are Panhard, Bianchi, Gregoire, D. F. P., Nazzaro, Charron, Sizaire-Naudin, Niclausse, Barré, Vermorel and Bayard-Clement. The undoubted value of the rear wheel brakes is the saving in wear and tear of the transmission; this is so well recognized that some of the firms maintaining the transmission brake have made it operative by the side lever, the pedal operating the rear wheel brakes; among these are Pipe and Delage.

The objections made against both brakes on the rear wheels are that they do not allow of such a quick stop from a moderate speed—such stops as often have to be made under crowded traffic conditions—and that under the most strenuous mountain touring conditions the heating of the drum is liable to make both sets inoperative. Correct design can remove this latter objection, and indeed it only applies to very long downhill work.

Practically all the rear wheel brakes are side by side and internal expanding type. There is not a single example of an external contracting brake on the European chassis. Niclausse has concentric drums; the others have the brake shoes side by side. The drums are made very big. As an example on the Charron, which is a car of medium power, having four cylinders of 80 by 150 millimeters, the width of the drum is 4% inches and its diameter 17½ inches. This is quite an average size.

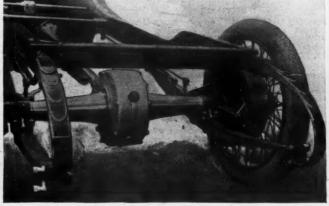
Ribbed Drums Used

Bianchi and a few others in this class have ribs on the drums to assist in cooling. Ribbed drums are not confined to the rear wheel systems. Rochet-Schneider has both rear-wheel and transmission brakes ribbed, Renault now has an internal contracting transmission brake within a ribbed drum; Turcat-Mery doubtless has the biggest drum diameter,

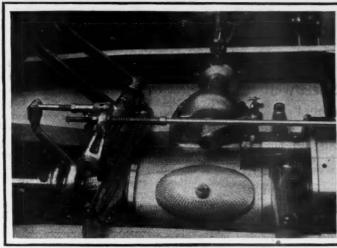


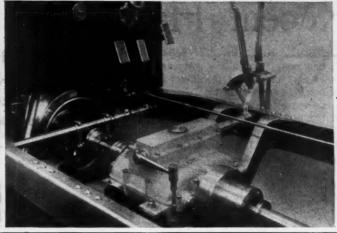
Spa with brake and change-speed levers independent





CHARRON SPRINGS AND BRAKES

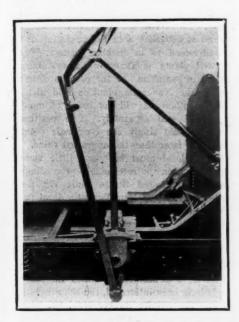




LA LICORNE WITH CHANGE-SPEED SECTOR INSIDE FRAME

DELAGE GEARSET ON SIX-CYLINDER CHASSIS

ribbed, on any transmission system. There is no uniformity whatever in the use of brake liners: every maker appears to have his own method, although the use of such materials as raybestos, thermoid, etc., is on the increase.



Bayard-Clement brake and change-speed levers mounted independently

Simplification of brake gear and brake adjustment is a very strong feature. Where there are two distinct sets of brakes-transmission and rear wheels-a very common, and at the same time, very neat arrangement is a single connection from the lever on the pedal shaft to the equalizer just above the differential housing. The front end of the connecting rod is threaded and has a bayonet type of winged nut. Thus the rear wheel brakes can be adjusted by lifting up the foot boards, and as the transmission brake adjustment is of the same type and at the same spot, it can be adjusted at the same time. This is the method adopted by Mors with the pedal-applied brakes on the transmission and the side lever brakes on the rear wheels, and also by La Licorne with the opposite com-

Some Brake Adjustments

Delage has a somewhat similar system, but the adjustment in his case is made by a turnbuckle. The Bayard-Clement adjustment by worm gearing, is a very good system, as is also the worm-and-sector with a bayonet lock on the Aries.

A balancing mechanism is generally employed, and usually takes the form of a long, centrally pivoted bar. Methods of balancing by a cable with its ends at-

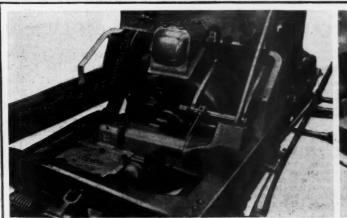
tached to the respective brake levers have considerably decreased in number. Wire cable for brake connections is, indeed, now very little employed.

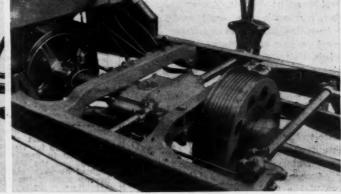
Hotchkiss, Pipe and Renault are among the firms using a bevel pinion differential gear to equalize the pull on the break levers. In each case the gearing is encased, as shown in the illustration. Delage, on the other hand, claims to get better results without an equalizer. La Buire is distinctive by reason of an external contracting brake on an extension of the propeller shaft to the rear of the differential housing. This has now been in use a couple of years.

There is a tendency to mount the brake and change-speed levers independently instead of putting them on concentric shafts. An example of this is shown on the new Bayard-Clement chassis

Front wheel brakes have not made any progress. Isotta-Fraschini makes use of them and has done so for a couple of years, but this seems to be the only continental firm now braking in this way. Rolland-Pilain formerly used front wheel brakes but has abandoned them.

Water-cooled brakes have gone out of fashion, Itala appearing to be the only firm making any use of them at the present time.





AUSTIN GEARSET WITH CHANGE-SPEED SELECTOR

TURCAT-MERY GEARBOX AND BRAKE DRUM

Recent Happenings in Motor Industry

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 30—Referee in Bankruptcy Joslyn has postponed for another week the sale of the effects of the Grabowsky Power Wagon Co. The referee has received bids totaling only about \$175,-000, but hopes to get more than \$200,000 for the property eventually.

The sale of the Lion Motor Co.'s property at Adrian also has been postponed by the referee for the second time. On the date first set for the sale the highest bid was \$7,000 for property appraised at about \$33,000. December 24 another attempt was made to sell the property, but on that occasion the highest bid was \$12,250, this being from Samuel L. Winternitz of Chicago. This sale likely will be confirmed, unless a bid of \$12,750 is received before the date set for the sale.

The Flanders Motor Co. has filed with the city clerk copies of a \$600,000 chattel mortgage, running to the Central Trust Co., to secure an issue of 6 per cent 3-year gold bonds, arrangements for which were made with the New York concern some time ago.

The Detroit Trust Co., receiver for the Flanders Mfg. Co., of Pontiac, has notified creditors to present their claims within 90 days, at which time an attempt will be made to have the property appraised. The factory is running at present. At the end of 90 days the creditors will hold a meeting with the receiver for the purpose of determining the future of the company.

The DuBrie Motor Co., adjudged bankrupt October 4, has filed a petition in the United States court, asking a full discharge of all debts provable against it under the bankruptcy acts. Judge Arthur S. Tuttle has set February 3 as the date for a hearing and has notified creditors to appear at that time and show cause, if any, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. The company declares it has surrendered all its property and rights of property and has fully complied with the requirements of the bankruptcy acts.

In an effort to establish a prima facie case in the alleged patent infringement case of the North American Vehicle Co. against the Detroit Taxicab and Transfer Co., in the federal court at Detroit, Attorney R. A. Parker, representing the complainants, took the deposition of Charles E. Wisner, mechanical designer and engineer, before E. P. Voorheis, United States court commissioner. Engineer Wisner's testimony was to the effect that he considers the variation between the mechanicism of certain portions of the truck and the Huber patent imma-

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31-The referee in bankruptcy today accepted the offer of Samuel Winternitz & Co. of Chicago for a part of the property of the Grabowsky Power Wagon Co. Winternitz & Co. will sell the material and machinery and turn \$55,000 over to the referee. The bid cov-

Grabowsky and Lion Sales Postponed—Speedwell Announcement

ers everything but the land, buildings, equipment, book accounts and bills receivable. The real estate will be sold by the referee at auction January 23 at the

GRAMM COMPANY ELECTS WILLYS

Toledo, O., Dec. 28-John N. Willys, president of the Willys-Overland Co., Toledo, was elected president of the Gramm Motor Truck Co., at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the corporation in Lima Thursday evening. Mr. Willys has announced that the facilities of the plant will be doubled early in the new year and that the company will install special equipment for the building of a 34-ton truck to be placed on the market at a moderate price. The plant is now turning out 1-ton trucks. It is also announced that H. H. Doehring, for several years general sales manager of the Ohio Electric Car Co., of Toledo, has been made sales manager of the Gramm Motor Truck Co., with headquarters at Lima. Mr. Doehring will have entire charge of the selling end of the business.

SPEEDWELL ADOPTS MEAD MOTOR

Dayton, O., Dec. 28-The Speedwell Motor Car Co., has just arranged a bond issue of \$150,000, which has been subscribed. The proposition of increasing the capital stock of the company to \$600,000 will be submitted to the stockholders immediately. This bond issue was planned to take care of the extension of the Speedwell product, involving the use of the Mead rotary-valve six-cylinder motors on a portion of the output of new pleasure cars. The Speedwell company has taken a license under the Mead patents for the Mead rotary-valve motor.

PARIS SHOW A RECORD-BREAKER

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PARIS, Dec. 22—With the record number of 550,000 persons having paid for admission, the thirteenth French show closed its doors this evening, after having been open 16 consecutive days. No accurate record has been kept of the number of persons having entered the big hall with free tickets, these persons comprising stand attendants, agents, officials, pressmen and persons have received invitations on the opening day. It is estimated that altogether nearly one million must have entered the Grand Palais while the show has been in progress.

It is evident that the show which

relate which that the show which has just been brought to a close is the most successful ever held in France. Gate receipts are about \$6,000 in excess of the best previous years; the amount paid for the rentals of stands is \$40,000 in excess of the previous record, and the 568 exhibitors is the highest number recorded in any show in any part of the world. These 568 exhibitors occupied 260,000 square feet of floor space, paid at rates varying from \$50 to \$6 per square yard.

The new Speedwell car has a standard chassis that is built to accommodate either a six-cylinder poppet-valve motor or a sixcylinder Mead rotary-valve motor. The cars will be alike except for the power plant, either type of motor being furnished at the customer's option, and at the same price.

A limited number of Mead motors will be built this current season, while a large output of this type is planned for next year.

W. L. Caten has just assumed the office of vice-president and general manager of the Speedwell company. This involves no change in any other officers of the company, it is said.

WANT A SEPARATE SALE

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30-All of the Indiana creditors of the Maxwell-Briscoe Motor Co., a subsidiary of the United States Motors Co., have joined in a petition to the superior court in this city, asking that when the Maxwell properties are sold, January 8, the Maxwell plant at Newcastle be sold singly. The Newcastle plant has been appraised at \$664,000, is in full operation and is understood to be making money. The Maxwell plants at Tarrytown and Auburn are not in operation and the petition claims that if the Newcastle plant is sold along with the others, it will not bring as much as though sold separately. The petition says that sold singly the Newcastle plant may bring more than the appraised value.

As the local court has done little more than to confirm the receivership proceedings against the United States court for the southern district of New York, the local petition may be referred to the New York tribunal.

EMPIRE TIRE REORGANIZATION

New York, Dec. 28-Bringing together two ends of a business in which the same people have been interested, the Empire Tire Co. and the Empire Rubber Mfg. Co. have been consolidated into the Empire Tire and Rubber Co., with the plant remaining as before at Trenton, N. J. The new concern is capitalized at \$1,000,000, of which \$500,-000 is in common stock and \$500,000 in preferred. This is an increase of \$500,000 in the capitalization.

Heretofore the two companies have been running separate institutions, the Empire Rubber Mfg. Co. making mechanical rubber goods and the Empire Tire Co. tires. Now, as one concern, both mechanical rubber and tires will be made under one management. In the reorganization H. G. Baker, who was president of the Empire Rubber Mfg. Co., becomes president of the new concern, succeeding C. H. Semple; H. G. Baker, formerly of the Rubber Mfg. Co., is vice-president; A. B. Cornell, who was secretary of both concerns, is secretary; while C. Edward Murray will be treasurer and general man-

Two Cities After Road Racing Classics

S AVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 30—The date and other details of the grand prix and Vanderbilt cup races, which will in all probability be held in Savannah, over the famous Chatham county course, either in the fall of 1913 or early in 1914, will be arranged at a meeting to be held in New York on January 6 between the Motor Cups Holding Co. and a sub-committee from the executive committee of the Savannah Automobile Club.

This is the announcement of Harvey Granger, president of the Savannah Automobile Club, who has just returned from New York, where he was in conference with Henry Sanderson, vice-president of the Motor Cups Holding Co. William K. Vanderbilt, president of the company, is at present in Europe.

It is stated by President Granger that there is a possibility of the races being held on February 22, 1914, instead of Thanksgiving day, 1913, as heretofore, the former date being favored by the Automobile Club of America. This question, however, has only been slightly discussed. The date will be definitely fixed at the meeting in New York.

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Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 30—It is announced today on the very best of authority that Milwaukee will stand sponsor for the international road races, the grand prix, Vanderbilt cup, Pabst trophy and Wisconsin Challenge cup races in 1913, if the governing bodies, the Automobile Club of America and the American Automobile Association will again consider its tenders favorably.

Immediately after the fifth annual Milwaukee motor show, which is to be given in the Auditorium from January 11 to 17. inclusive, the Milwaukee Automobile Dealers' Association will begin preparations for its campaign to land the classics a second time, and a delegation will leave for New York to make its tender to the governing bodies.

The \$43,000 deficit incurred by the races in October is being cleaned up rapidly, and with the prospect of a considerable profit from the show this month the last of the bills will be liquidated and the society of dealers again will be on its feet firmly and solidly. There will be no trouble about getting sufficient financial backing after that to more than insure a successful road race meeting under the revised system of participation which is now being worked out along new lines, which include the best points of the systems used at Elgin, Santa Monica and other points where road races have been held in the past.

RACE ACROSS IOWA

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 30—The most unique motor race ever held in Iowa was pulled off Saturday, when Don McClure, of Oskaloosa, beat Peter Peterson, of Davenport, into Council Bluffs by 36 minutes after a daylight run across the state. McClure followed the White Pole road, while Peter-

Savannah and Milwaukee Asking for Vanderbilt and Grand Prix

son used the River-to-River. McClure drove an Oakland, while Peterson piloted a Pope-Hartford.

The race was a result of the great rivalry between the two most enthusiastically organized cross-state highway associations in Iowa. When McClure checked in at Council Bluffs his speedometer showed 355 miles and the distance over the River-to-River road is 366. McClure was on the road 10 hours 42 minutes, while Peterson's time was 11 hours 18 minutes.

FIGHTING MARYLAND LAW

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28-Appearing before the district commissioners, Leroy Mark, who formerly had the privilege of issuing Maryland licenses to Washington motorists, urged motor car owners of this city to defer taking out the 1913 licenses for a few days. If they followed this plan, he claimed, it would result in considerable saving on the license fees, and under no circumstances would it cause any inconvenience unless they drove their cars across the border line between the District of Columbia and Maryland. While Mr. Mark is secretive about his plans, it is believed he has a goodsized weapon in his hands that will aid Washington motorists in avciding, in a large measure, the excessive fees that are charged motor car owners of this city who ask for Maryland licenses.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION MEETS

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 26—The annual convention of the Illinois State Automobile Association held at Cairo proved to be one of the most successful in the history of the organization. An interesting feature was the presence of all of the officers of the

PELLETIER AND SMITH RESIGN

Pelletier, advertising manager of the Flanders Motor Co., and Paul Smith, sales manager, severed their connections with the concern on December 28. No statement from the parties concerned or from the officers of the Flanders company could be obtained today relative to the reasons for the move. Since the merger of the Flanders Motor Co. with the United States Motors there has been considerable speculation as to whether these men would assume the same positions with the parent organization, and Saturday's move is the answer.

A newspaper report here today states that Pelletier and Smith were advertising and sales manager, respectively, of the United States Motor Co. at the time of their resignations, but this is incorrect. They were connected with the Flanders subsidiary only, and were not in the employ of the United States Motors in any capacity, although they had been slated for appointment later on.

Illinois Highway Improvement Association. The Cairo Automobile Club entertained the delegates with a luncheon at the Halliday hotel and also gave them a motor tour over the gravel roads of Alexander and Pulaski counties. After the banquet a night session was held at the Elks' Club.

WILL FIGHT LICENSE REVOCATION

New York, Dec. 28—Announcement was made last Thursday by the receivers of the United States Motor Co. that the notice of cancellation served upon the Dayton Motor Car Co., with reference to the license of that company under the Knight sliding-sleeve engine patents, had been declined on the part of that company.

Counsel representing the Dayton Motor Car Co. have advised the company that in their opinion the contract between the Knight company and the Dayton Motor Car Co. contains nothing upon which such cancellation order can be based, predicated upon any act so far performed by the Dayton Motor Car Co. A lively tilt in the courts is promised.

BOSTON TALKS SHOW PLANS

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28—The Boston Automobile Dealers' Association held a meeting recently, when the plans for the motor show in March were gone over. Manager Chester I. Campbell announced that the space for the first week has practically all been subscribed for now. There were a few concerns that found out at the last minute that it might not be possible for them to make any exhibit and so this allowed a number of others who were not on the list for space to reap the benefit of getting in. Others managed to get a little more room.

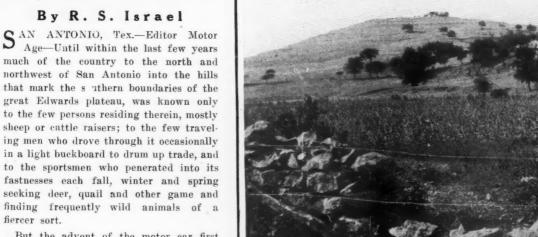
As many of the dealers are also officers and members of the Boston Commercial Vehicle Dealers' Association, they discussed the truck show at the same time. It was found that even now a larger number of exhibitors had applied for space next March than last year and the show will be more compreheisive. The tool makers' exhibition will be placed with the truck show. More space has been allotted this year to the Accessory Manufacturers' Association and this will enable the members of that organization to present an even larger exhibition.

BURMAN TACKLES MILE RECORD

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 26—Special telegram—Bob Burman made an attempt at the mile straightaway record of :25.40 on the San Diego beach yesterday before a crowd of 20,000 persons. He did :28 in his big Benz, equal to 128.66 miles per hour. On his second trial the car caught fire and Burman was forced to drive into the ocean to extinguish the flames. The damage to the Benz is estimated at \$4,000. In addition to the time trials, there were six other events contested.

Coutes

What San Antonio Has to Offer Motorists in the



ANCIENT SPANISH FENCE ALONG MEDINA DAM ROAD, SAN ANTONIO

Inquiries About Routes

KANSAS CITY TO DALLAS

WATERLOO, IA.—Editor Motor Age—I would like the best route from Kansas City to Dallas. Texas.—L. L. Collins.

The Santa Fe trail should be used going west as far as Newton, a distance of 217 miles from Kansas City. Go through Westmoreland, Martin City, Olathe, Gardner, Edgerton, Ottawa, Williamsburg, Silkville, Waverly and Emporla, 134 miles; then through Plymouth, Saffordville, Ellinor. Cottonwood Falls, Elmdale, Clements, Cedar Point, Florence, Peabody, and Newton.

The Meridian road is intersected at Newton. Keeping to this road all the way to Fort Worth, although it is known locally in Oklahoma as the Chisholm trail, continue south from Newton through Wichita, Wellington, South Haven, Caldwell, Renfrow, Medford, Kremlin, Enid, Hennessey, Dover, Kingfisher, El Reno, Pocassett, Chickasha, Verden, Anadarko, Apache, Lawton, Emerson, Randlett, and crossing the toll bridge over the Red rivenorth of Burkburnett reach Wichita Falls.

About 8 miles south of Wichita Falls beware of mud hole in wet weather, and if bad go back about 150 yards and make a detour through the fields. You should next reach Windthorst, then Antelope, Jacksboro, Whitt Weatherford, Annetta, Aledo, Ben Brook and Fort Worth.

Fort Worth to Dallas is 33 miles through Handley, Arlington, and Grand Prairie.

LIMA, O.—BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Pandora, O.—Editor Motor Age—What is the best route from Lima, O., to Battle Creek, Mich., and what is the distance?—L. G. Steiner. This trip can be made in a little over a day, Kalamazoo would be the stop for the first night with a distance of 162 miles on your speedometer. The towns along the way are Elida, Delphos, Yan Wert, Fort Wayne, Huntertown, Laotta, Swan, Avilla, Kendallville, Wolcottville, Valentine, La Grange, Howe, Kalamazoo. The roads are all good, being either gravel or stone. Next morning continue on your way to Battle Creek, 23 miles through Galesburg and Gull Lake Junction. The entire 185 miles can be easily made in 1 day if desired.

beyond the Bexar county line, Medina county having done nothing up to that time towards improving its roads in the vicinity of the damsite. Since then, however, much work has been done both by Medina county and by the Medina Valley Irrigation Co., and the dam may now be reached easily over several good roads.

The most popular way, the most traveled road between San Antonio and the Medina dam, leads directly west from the city. Almost immediately the road begins to climb and at a distance of 7 miles it tops a hill from which at a height of between 300 and 400 feet above San Antonio a fine view of the city may be obtained. For much of the way the road winds in and out among the hills, climbing elevations and then dropping down again, but always getting higher and higher. It runs beneath overhanging bluffs, which, rising to a height of 100 to 200 feet, show in their alternate layers of rock and gravel the outcroppings of the Edwards limestone, illustrating how this hard rock which underlies the greater part of the Edwards plateau forms a perfect catch basin and water-conveyor which feeds the artesian wells at San Antonio and in the country to the south and southwest of the city.

While the road crosses many bridges, nearly all of them span dry creeks, for much of the water in this part of the state flows beneath the beds of the channels, sinking through the gravel to the bedrock beneath, and comes up only in occasional pools. From the tops of the hills views may be had of the surrounding country for many miles in every di-

Age-Until within the last few years much of the country to the north and northwest of San Antonio into the hills that mark the s uthern boundaries of the great Edwards plateau, was known only

to the few persons residing therein, mostly sheep or cattle raisers; to the few traveling men who drove through it occasionally in a light buckboard to drum up trade, and to the sportsmen who penerated into its fastnesses each fall, winter and spring seeking deer, quail and other game and

fiercer sort.

But the advent of the motor car first opened an era of good road building throughout this section of the state that has received additional impetus from the development attending the construction of the great dam of the Medina Valley Irrigation Co. across the Medina river at a point 40 miles west of San Antonio, thus creating a lake 18 miles in length, extending near to the town of Bandera, county seat of Bandera county, having a depth ranging from an average of 43 feet to 164 feet at the dam.

This dam and lake have aroused an interest in the possibilities of the adjacent country that has led to the construction of a number of new roads and several motor loops that are destined to be very popular among motorists, and especially with the thousands of tourists who come each winter to spend several months in this comfortable, happy, genial climate.

In scenic beauty this is one of the garden spots in Texas. The scenery compares favorably with any part of this country; its rocky hills have rugged beauty such as attracts visitors to Colorado and other western states; they are timbered principally with oak and cedar; its streams flow through many deep canyons into cool, shadowy recesses where the sun may only peep, and their banks are lined with giant pecan trees, with hackberry, elm, cottonwood, fir and other trees.

The valleys contain fertile lands and, being protected by the high hills from the cold winds that sweep down when the snow king travels through the north, many of them are ideal for farm sites or for homes. It is a country that is good to look upon and good to live in.

When the construction of the Medina river dam was begun during the summer of 1911, the road was almost impassable

Touring Information

Way of Road and Touring Attractions in Winter



SECTION OF NEW MACADAM ROAD NEAR SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

rection, the air being so dry and clear usually that hills 4 and 5 miles away appear as if only a mile distant or even less.

Evidences of the extensive sheep ranges that formerly existed are seen in the old stone walls, 4 to 5 feet high, that are passed all along the road, and in the old rock-walled sheep pens, the ruins of which are found at frequent intervals. These walls are built by placing one rock on another and are held in position without mortar. One wonders at the infinite amount of patient work that was necessary years ago to construct these rock fences and compares the cost of building them then with what they would cost today.

San Antonio lies at an altitude of 651 feet above sea level in the center of the city and 768 feet on the heights in the suburbs. The bed of the Medina river where the upper or main dam is placed is 920 feet, the bottom of the spillway is 1,072 above sea level, the top of the dam is 1,080 feet and the average height of the surrounding hills is 1,150 feet. In the midst of a beautiful environment, high above the sea, sheltered in a circling crescent of purple hills, the Medina river lake will lure the artist, the pleasure seeker and the sportsman.

Until the dam builders found this spot made by nature for the use of man it was regarded as belonging to the wild lands of west Texas, visited only by the cowboy or sheep herder trailing their charges while they grazed on the luscious grasses growing on the hillsides and in the valleys or, during the open season, by the hunters who found here quail, deer and ducks in abundance and sometimes wild turkeys. Some of the valleys were occupied by farmers, but these, because of the difficulty in getting their crops to market over the rough roads that frequently were little more than cow paths, never attempted farming on any extensive scale, but were content to plod along year after year raising most of the foodstuffs they used and contributing little except children to the growth and progress of the country.

But the era of good roads, first promoted with any marked activity by the motor car, has brought about great development of many new sections of southwest and west Texas, and the discovery of great underground water supplies and sites where storage reservoirs might be constructed for the conservation of flood waters has brought about agricultural activity, for the rich, friable, fertile soils respond graciously to irrigation and the bright, warm rays of the sun give vigor to the growing crops so that these once little known and remote sections are acquiring recognition as the garden spots of Texas.

Intensive cultivation of the soil has brought trained farmers from more populous parts of the country and from northern Europe and lands that formerly brought their owners incomes of \$1 or \$2 an acre are now bringing them \$100 and \$200 an acre yearly. Good roads that

have helped to bring about this condition are now more necessary than ever, for the present-day farmer, especially those that irrigate their field and thereby get the best results, are as partial to the use of motor car as the prosperous city man.

Two roads have been logged to the Medina dam, one being 39.6 miles in length and the other just 40 miles. One route is by what is known as the Gallagher ranch and the Bandera road, the other by the Culebra and Castroville roads.

MERIDIAN TRAIL LOGGED

The final step was taken in logging the Meridian road, when John C. Nicholson, secretary of the Meridian Road Association, arrived in Galveston, Tex., from Winnipeg, Canada, having covered a distance of approximately 2,000 miles by motor car.

This road will be cut into divisions, corresponding to the states through which it passes. There will be the Canadian, the North Dakota, the South Dakota, the Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma division, and the north Texas and gulf division, the dividing line between these last two being Waco. It will be the duty of these state divisions to organize the counties through which the road will pass into county divisions, such county divisions to urge the construction of a permanent highway therein.

CHARTING CALIFORNIA DESERTS

One of the most important pieces of work ever undertaken in behalf of motorists and overland travelers in general is the charting and marking of 1,500 miles in the desert districts of California. It is one of the most vital and far-reaching steps yet made in robbing the desert of its many dangers.

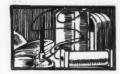
By the initial map made recently, the 1,500 miles to be covered in the desert districts will be the general territory bounded on the west by Palmdale, Mojave and Keeler, on the north by Revenue and the upper end of Death Valley, on the east by Rhyolite, Beatty, Needles and Parker. The southern boundary will touch Cadiz, Ludlow, Barstow and Victorville.

Not one but seven routes are to be marked and three of these will lead through Death valley. One of the routes will run lengthwise through the southern part of the nation's torrid sinkhole.

The preparatory work for this invasion of this territory has taken more than a year.



The Readers' Clearing House



Splash Oiling Explained

How Oil Is Introduced Into the Cylinders of a Motor Car by Usual Splash System

DENVER, Colo.—Editor Motor Age—Kindly advise me as to whether the oil that arrives at the top of the piston works there gradually by the working of the piston, or is drawn there by the suction of the exhaust.—Stedman Larzelere.

The oil that enters the cylinder of a gasengine should never arrive at the top of the piston, as here it will only burn and carbonize, where there is nothing to lubricate. The oil that does enter the cylinder should be in the form of a very thin film over the portion of the cylinder walls on which the piston works. The usual manner of raising the oil to this position is by what is termed splash oiling. The crankcase carries a quantity of oil, at a pre-determined level, into which the connecting rod ends dip on the lower portion of their travel, splashing the oil up into the crankcase, the inside of the piston, and into the cylinder. The piston on its down-stroke swabs off the excess of oil on the cylinder walls, as a squeegee is used to scrape water off a window-pane, being thereby coated with oil. On its next upstroke it encounters the relatively dry walls of the combustion space, on the upper portion of its stroke, and leaves part of its coating thereon. This is vaporized and to a certain extent burned during combustion, and passes off with the exhaust, being replenished by the piston on its next stroke.

There is no such thing as the suction of the exhaust. The exhaust stroke is a period of pressure. There is a suction, however on the intake stroke, but this has nothing to do with the induction of oil into the cylinder. If the rings allowed any such passage, not only would the compression be insufficient, but the expanding charge would find its way past the piston, and into the crankcase. Fig. 1 illustrates the manner in which oil is forced into the cylinder.

SINGLE PEDAL CONTROL

Oak Park, Ill. — Editor Motor Age—What cars have single-pedal control like the Chalmers, or connected pedals like the Lambert and similar to those formerly used by the Mitchell. I want a car I can operate on an emergency with one foot, as I have a weak ankle.—W. L. Agnew.

This form of control was formerly used by the Chalmers, Owen and Abbott-Detroit. It is now used by the Maxwell, Any car may be specialy adapted to this arrangement.

HELPS COTTON-RAISER

C AVE SPRING, Ga.—Editor Motor Age—I notice in the issue of December 12 an article from Savannah, Ga., where a Georgia rural financier had figured out what great advantage would accrue to the farmers if every one would sell their cars and lend the money to the farmers. The article speaks of good roads and many other things of which motor cars are directly the cause, but it fails to state that this great financier was knocking one of the largest customers of cotton.

In 1906 I saw an estimate that 350,000 bales of cotton were used in tire and top fabric for motor cars. Surely we now are using 1,500,000 bales per year. That is why we can make 16,500,000 bales and get over 10 cents per pound. Before motor cars and other uses for cotton we found a 10,000,000-bale crop sold under 6 cents per pound.

What we want are eager customers for our cotton, ready to take it from the gin quickly and pay good prices for it; and not be forced to have no demand and have recourse to the money lender. Surely any sane man prefers quick sales and an active demand for his cotton at high prices.

No southern farmer that raises cotton should knock motor cars. If he does he just wants to stop and think. Then he won't.—Albert N. Tumlin.

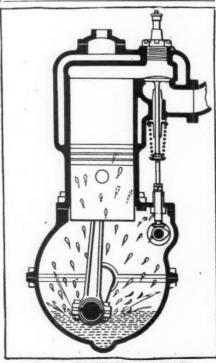


FIG. 1-DIAGRAM OF SPLASH

Increasing Tire Diameter Change of Wheel Does Not Alter Gear Ratio, Although It May Increase Speed

PLEASONTON, Kan. — Editor Motor Age—Is the size of the rear tire taken into consideration in figuring the gear ratio of a motor car?

2—If I should change the rear wheel on my car from a 32, 3½ to a 34, 3½, would it change the gear ratio of the car?—A Subscriber.

1-The size of the rear tire has no more to do with the gear ratio of a motor car than has the size of the front tire or the steering wheel. The term gear-ratio refers to the ratio between the speed of the motor and the speed of the rear wheel. A ratio of 3 to 1 means that the engine makes three revolutions to one revolution of the driving wheels. The size of the rear wheel is always taken into consideration, however, in predetermining the gear ratio to be employed. A large wheel requires a lower gear than a small wheel. A wheel whose tire circumference is onethird that of a wheel used in connection with a 3 to 1 gear would require only a 1 to 1 gear, while if the wheel circumference is twice that of the second wheel, the gear ratio will have to be 6 to 1.

2—No. Such an increase in wheel diameter would not affect the number of revolutions of the engine required to turn it once. If you increased your tire size indefinitely your gear ratio would remain the same. Gear ratio refers to the number of engine revolutions required to turn the drivewheels once around. It is independent of the size, shape, number or anything else pertaining to the wheels, except their revolutions.

But, as your tire speed is increased by the increase in tire diameter, a given engine speed will produce a higher car speed, with a consequent loss of pulling power. With a 3 to 1 gear and at an engine speed of 1,000 revolutions per minute, a 32-inch tire will give 46 miles per hour, while under similar conditions a 34-inch wheel will give 48 miles per hour if the engine can propel the car at that speed.

This principle is illustrated in Fig. 2. From reference to this it will be observed that one revolution of a 32-inch wheel moves the vehicle 99 inches, and that with a 3 to 1 gear, each engine revolution moves it 33 inches. A 34-inch wheel, on the other hand moves it 106 inches, or 35 inches per engine revolution with a gear ratio of 3 to 1. This means that the engine is required to do more work, viz.: move the car a greater distance per revolu-

tion with the larger wheel, if the same gear ratio is used. To enable the engine to work under the same conditions with the larger tire that it did with the smaller. the gear ratio will have to be changed. This is done by increasing the gear reduction so that each revolution of the engine will move the car the same distance with the 34-inch wheel as it did with the 32inch wheel. To determine what gearratio will accomplish this, the travel per revolution of the wheel is first found. This is shown by the figure to be 106 inches, 7 inches more than the 32-inch wheel. A 3 to 1 gear will therefore move the car 35 inches or 21/3 inches farther per engine revolution than the same gear with a 32inch wheel. To make a 34-inch wheel turn at such a ratio of speed to the speed of the engine, that each engine revolution will move the car 33 inches, the gear ratio will have to be as the normal travel per revolution of the engine is to the wheel travel, or as 33 inches is to 106 inches, which we find to be as 1 is to 3.2. This is the gear ratio. It is usually expressed as 3.2 to 1, or 31/2 to 1, meaning that the engine turns three times to the wheel's one. A shorter formula is:

In which D is the original diameter of the wheel, D' is the proposed diameter of the wheel, and X is the original gear ratio. To find the gear ratio required with a wheel whose diameter is D'.

SPARKS IN SAFETY GAP

Victoria, B. C.—Editor Motor Age— Would a poor mixture cause sparks to appear in the safety gap of a magneto, or is there only one cause for it—the secondary current having no outlet?

2—Does Motor Age think the use of a spark-plug air pump is harmful to the motor in any way?—A Reader.

1-No, not this alone, although a poor mixture might bring a condition about that would constitute a secondary cause of a spark in the safety gap. The theory of the spark gap is that as long as a circuit is provided through the cables and spark plugs, the current will not jump the wide gap on the magneto, but if the spark plug circuit be broken, and the engine continues to turn the magneto, generating a high-tension current, it is allowed to escape across the safety spark gap, and thus prevent the burning of the windings. A rich mixture might so carbonize an engine that pre-ignition would result. If this pre-ignition occurred at the time that the spark was about to jump the spark plug, the increased pressure might constitute such a resistance to the electrical passage that it would jump the safety gap instead. Again, an abnormally rich mixture might cause the motor to overheat



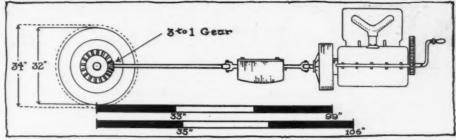


FIG. 2-EFFECT OF TIRE SIZE ON CAR TRAVEL

to such an extent that the sparking points would become warped, and the gap increased so that the current would find a more ready passage across the magneto spark gap than that of the spark plug. These conditions would be more likely to obtain in a single-cylinder motor than a multiple-cylinder type, as it is highly improbable that a given mixture would produce the same results in say, four different cylinders with four separate plugs.

2-The types that have come to the attention of Motor Age have not been of

such nature as to be conducive of harm to an engine, except the slight wear due to running with one cylinder missing, which, however, is almost negligible.

CURIOUS QUERIES

Strong, Colo. — Editor Motor Age — Would it be possible to build a five-cylinder gasoline engine? If so, how should the cranks be set, and what should be the order of firing, and how timed?

2—Has there ever been a five-cylinder engine built, and would it be a practical engine for motor car use?

3—Is the Cadillac built by the Buick

4—Motor Age recently printed an antifreeze formulae. Was wood, or grain alcohol meant? If there is any difference, which would be the best?—C. W. Halford.

1-Five-cylinder gasoline engines have been built, and one is offered on the 1913 market. This is the Adams-Farwell, which uses five radical cylinders revolving about a stationary crankpin. The Adams-Farwell engine in four-cycle. To make a four-cycle vertical engine with five cylinders would involve unequal firing sequence with any crank setting, as the alternate firing of each cylinder requires that an even number of cylinders be employed. If, on the other hand, the engine be of the two-cycle type, the cranks would be set 1/5 of an arc apart, so that the torque would be even. The proper firing order would probably be, for either type, 1-5-4-2-3, 1-4-5-2-3, or 1-3-5-4-2.

2—The Adams-Farwell has been on the market for several years, and whether or not it is practical may be judged from the fact of its survival.

3-No.

4—Grain alcohol, wood alcohol and denatured alcohol all freeze at about the same temperature, and are equally well adapted to use in anti-freeze solutions. Grain alcohol is the most expensive, while denatured alcohol is the cheapest, so that the latter is usually employed for this purpose.

ELECTRIC OWNERS IN ILLINOIS

Chicago—Editor Motor Age—Through the Readers' Clearing House columns will Motor Age tell me where I could obtain the names and addresses of electric pleasure car owners in Chicago.—Joseph A. Lee.

Address the secretary of state, of the state of Illinois, Springfield, Ill.



COMPARES BODY DESIGN

JEFFERSON, Ia.—Editor Motor Age—In a recent editorial Motor Age compares the body lines of American and European cars, somewhat to the detriment of the home product. In the foreign show section of the same issue are illustrations of numerous continental and British cars, presumably not selected for their lack of beauty. It seemed to me in looking over the issue in question that the pictures very successfully contradicted the argument of the editorial.

Doubtless the foreign maker is striving toward harmony in the design of hood, windshield and body. Also doubtless the average foreign car is an awkward, clumsy-looking vehicle as compared with any but the cheapest of our own products. It would seem that there are lines along which the American builder could profitably emulate the best European practice.

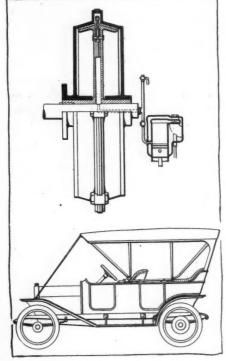
Can we compare with their records in fuel economy? Will our smallmotored cars show as great power and flexibility as theirs? Probably not. But we certainly do get more car, more equipment, better design in the body, and more convenience for the money than our friends on the other

The past year has seen a growing tendency toward greater comfort in body design in this country, an increase in depth and improvement in design of the upholstery. What seems to have been largely neglected is an adequate provision for baggage and tools and tires. Let the body designer invite four friends, and at least two of them should be women, to take a 4 or 5-day trip in a five-passenger car. Then when they have their traps all piled on the front walk, let him take his drawing board and design a five-passenger body that will carry this amount of baggage conveniently, accessibly and securely, and the five passengers as well. What an enthusiastic reception that body would get!—C. D. Enfeld.



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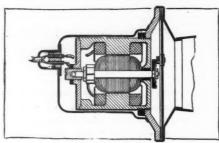




DICKSON CLUTCH AND SMITH TOP

MOTOR Car Lock—No. 1,048,211—To Herman J. Richner and Edward H. Richner, Cleveland, O. Filed February 19, 1912, dated December 24, 1912. For the purpose of locking a motor car in such a way as to prevent the operation of same by unauthorized persons, but not preventing its movement about the garage floor for purposes of washing, etc., nor its removal from the garage in case of emergency; this device is a plate or casing secured to the dash of a motor car, within which is a combination lock, operating on a bolt. The bolt extends downward to the flywheel, which it is adapted to engage in such a manner as to prevent its movement. This device prevents the operation of the engine, but with the gearset in neutral, the car may be pushed about the floor. The flywheel-engaging member is in the form of a pair of oppositely disposed dogs, engaging with lugs on the side of the flywheel, the dogs being operated by the lock bolt.

Motor Car Top Slide-No. 1,048,106-To Alice E. Smith, Elyria, Ohio. Filed September 9, 1910, dated December 24, 1912. One impediment to one-man operation of a large motor car top is the necessity in previous forms of disconnecting the front bows from their sockets, carrying them forward, and securing them in the forward sockets. This device, by means of a simple slide, enables the forward bows to be slid forward and back without lifting and without detaching them from the



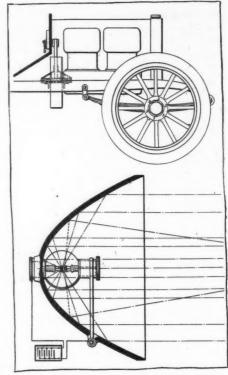
SPARKS HORN

socket. This rod is secured to the side rails of the body, the portions over the rear doors being separate from the rest, but meeting the other sections when the door is closed. The door section is rigidly attached to the door, so that when the door is opened the rod is carried with it, thus presenting no obstruction to entry and exit from the car.

Willard Lamp-No. 1,048,017-To Theodore A. Willard, Cleveland, O. Filed February 9, 1910, dated December 24, 1912. An incandescent lamp. This invention consists of a double-filament lamp, the filaments of which are in different foci on the parabolic reflector, the object being to render the liability of total disability of the lamp less immiment, and to eliminate the center shadow. The lamp consists of a casing with a parabolic reflector, at the center of which is a pair of lamp sockets, one at the peak of the parabola, and the other in front of it, and supported on a vertical column.

A double-filament lamp is disposed between these two sockets. The rear filament is in focus with the reflector, so that the light is shed in proper proportion except at the exact center, where the shadow of the forward filament is projected by the reflector in a straight line. The forward filament is out of focal adjustment with the reflector, so that its light is shed in a reverse cone, dispelling the shadow cast by the forward socket. The support of the forward socket is supported by a pivoted column, so arranged that with the rear lamp-base disconnected from the rear socket it may be folded out to permit of lamp-renewals. This construction permits of a special switch arrangement whereby the forward filament, which is out of focus with the reflector, may be left burning alone, eliminating the glare for city driving.

Pneumatic Clutch - No. 1,048,299-To James T. Dickson, Los Angeles, California. Filed July 18, 1911, dated December 24, 1912. This clutch is of the cone type, consisting of a casing with opposing cupshaped faces within which are two faced cones, adapted to engage the faces of the casing. The cones are disposed on the peripheries of two disks, with a space be-



RICHNER LOCK AND WILLARD LAMP

tween them. The drive-shaft is rigidly secured to one disk and slidably to the other, permitting the second to slide upon the shaft. The casing is secured rigidly to the driven shaft. The driven shaft is drilled with a passage for air, this passage connecting with a line of piping embracing a cylinder tap and a reservoir. In action, when air is admitted to the air passage, it separates the disks, and forces the cones against the friction surfaces of the casing, causing it to turn, thus transmitting the drive from the driving to the driven shaft.

Electric Signal-No. 1,048,466-To William Sparks, Jackson, Mich. Filed May 9, 1912, dated December 24, 1912. Of the toothed-wheel type, this horn consists of a motor, the shell of which is in the form of a cup, the open end of which is covered by a removable cover. This cover has a bearing for the armature shaft threaded to it. The fields are wound about projections of the motor case, and an amplifying projection extends beyond the closed end of the cup. To the amplifier is secured a diaphragm and a projector. To the outer end of the armature shaft is secured a toothed disk, which bears on a button on the diaphragm. As the motor revolves, the toothed disk bears on the button, vibrating it and producing the desired warning sound. The threaded bearing in the motor casing cap may be adjusted by screwing in or out to vary the pressure of the toothed disk on the button.

(he Motor Car Repair Shop)

Rebushing a Square Wheel-Hub

HERE is a certain make of car in extensive use in which the driving shafts of the rear axle have squared outer ends that fit into squared holes in the wheel hubs. In this way the drive shafts are connected to the wheels to drive them. It has been found that after a reasonable length of time the squared holes in the wheel hubs take on the shape indicated in Fig. 1, the dotted lines indicating the original square shape of the hole. Thus the lost motion between the drive shafts and the wheels becomes so great that a sudden application of the clutch is very apt to result in a twisting off of the squared end of the shaft, or splitting of the wheel hub. Ordinarily the most feasible repair for this condition would seem to be the removal of the old worn wheel hub and replacement of it with another; rather expensive, but effective. An excellent remedy for this trouble has been discovered, however, and it is being applied with great success in a very large shop. This consists in cutting the humps out of the wheel hub and squaring up the hole; and then reducing the hole to the size of the shaft by fitting a square steel bushing into it. This bushing is made from steel tubing which is annealed and then squared by driving a square drift through it.

The square drift is tapered so that the square hole can be gradually formed and the tubing partially shaped by hammering it over the smaller squared end of the drift. By thoroughly annealing the tubing, that is, heating it to a cherry red and then allowing it to cool slowly in the ashes of the forge, or in lime, or if necessary in the air, it is possible to change it from the cylindrical to the square shape very easily; and at the same time stretch or expand it to the required size. Bushings of this kind are giving excellent service, and when they become worn they are easily replaced with new bushings.

The Noisy Rear Axle

The differential mechanism of a motor car rear axle is not the only noisy feature of the rear axle mechanism, for in the great majority of cases the differential mechanism is far less apt to wear sufficiently to become noisy than the bevel driving gears, for the differential mechanism is only in operation when the car is making turns, while the driving gears are always in operation. But noise from the rear axle does not always indicate that the gears are worn, for it is possible for badly worn gears to run quite noiselessly, while on the other hand it is also possible for new gears to be very noisy. However, noise from this mechanism does generally

Rebushing Wheel-Hub

mean that the gears are either in need of adjustment or lubrication.

One of the bearings of a motor car, which is usually neglected by the average motorist, is that of the driving pinion. An adjustment of this bearing generally requires that the operator get under the car, which is one reason for its neglect, but some makers render this adjustment more accessible by providing facilities for getting at it through the floor boards of the tonneau. It is important that adjustment be maintained in this bearing, as in all bearings; for lack of adjustment in

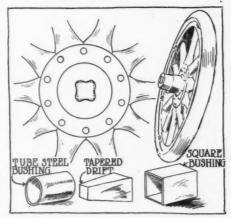


FIG. 1-METHOD OF REBUSHING HUB

this case is not only detrimental to the bearing itself, but also to the teeth of the pinion and driving gears, producing lost motion and mis-alignment, accompanied by a consequent excessive wear. The adjustment provided simply comprises a means of regulating the mesh of the driving pinion with the larger bevel gear, and the adjustment should be so made that the greatest freedom of rotation is obtained with the least lost motion.

Air Leaks and Carbureter Adjustment

To adjust a carbureter so the motor will fire regularly at slow speeds or when throttled down and running idle is quite impossible if there happens to be a leakage of air around the joints of the inlet gas manifold and the cylinders; around the spark plugs, valve caps or valve

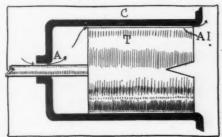


FIG. 2—REMOVING AIR LEAK IN PISTON-TYPE THROTTLE

guides; or around the joints of the carbureter itself. For instance, throttles and their operating mechanisms have been known to give much trouble in this respect; in Fig. 2 is shown a throttle of the piston type which had become worn and admitted so much air that the motor misfired at low speeds while operating under load.

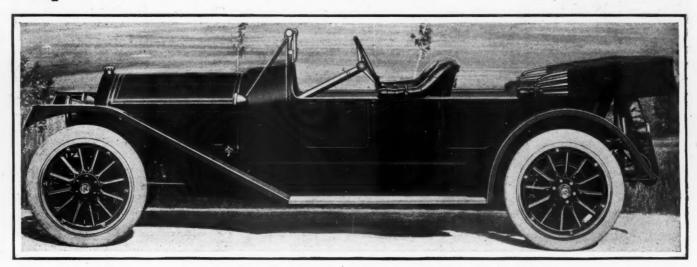
Though exaggerated in the illustration, the piston T and the rod as well, were worn so that air was admitted as indicated by the arrows A and I. In a large repairshop, where many of the cars cared for have carbureters with this type of throttle, it is customary to eliminate troubles of this sort by applying a coat of solder to the piston, and by tinning the entrance A also, or if necessary sweating in a small thin brass bushing as described above for a starting crankarm. A film of solder is an excellent remedy where the wear is too slight to make necessary the fitting of a new bushing or a carbureter piston.

Case Hardening

Very often the repair man complains that his wrenches and hammer heads are getting soft. The wrench, instead of gripping the nut firmly, slips around and the hammer head becomes dented more and more with use. This rapid wearing can very easily be remedied if such tools are case hardened properly. Wrenches, especially, lose their hardness after being used for some time and to retain the proper dimensions these tools should be hardened. Case hardening, as the expression implies, means a hard case or coat being added to the metal. This is accomplished in the following way: The wrench or other tool that is to be case hardened is allowed to remain in the forge until red hot, then quickly taken out and sprinkled with potassium cyanide and then allowed to cool slowly. The carbon contained in the potassium cyanide combines with the metal of the tool and forms a compound which is much harder than the tool metal itself. Of course there are materials that may be used for case hardening other than potassium cyanide, such as charcoal mixed with barium carbonate or ground charcoal alone. These various compounds may be bought cheaply at any drug shop.

The reason these different tools are case hardened is because they must necessarily withstand shock coupled with abrasion, the outer coat or case protecting the inner metal, the latter acting as a cushion. Gears, for example, in hitting against one another, would crack if they were hardened through, but when case hardened, the outer casing of hard metal takes up the wear and the inner soft metal gives the necessary cushioning effect.

Improved National Series V Announced



LEFT SIDE VIEW OF IMPROVED SERIES V NATIONAL TOY TONNEAU

S ERIES V of the National product was announced early in the 1912 season as the output for the 1913 market. As the National company does not make yearly models, but adds such improvements as are deemed expedient without regard to season, a new series has been announced recently, which, still a part of series V, differs in minor improvements, and therefore is distinguished from this series by the term improved series V.

New Electric System

The general character of the machine has not been altered, but only modified by the addition of new features. Notable among these is the Gray & Davis electric starting and lighting system, small body refinements, and strengthening of chassis detail. Series V Nationals, as will be remembered, are four-cylinder long-stroke cars, with cylinders 4% by 6, cast in pairs, with valves on opposite sides, the valve stems, tappets and springs being inclosed in telescopic tubes, to render their action silent and to keep them clean.

The crankcase is rectangular in form, divided horizontally in the conventional manner, the upper portion carrying the bearings and having the supporting members attached, and the lower portion acting as a splash pit and oil reservoir. The circulating splash system of lubrication is

used as in former models. Slight changes have been made, however, in the cylinders, which do not now depend upon splash for lubrication, but are oiled by pressure, in the same manner as the bearings.

Double-distributor dual ignition is supplied by a Bosch magneto on the touring and toy-tonneau models, and by a Splitdorf magneto on the

speedway model. The same cone clutch, situated in the flywheel, and the threespeed gearset amidships, with the straightline shaft drive to the floating rear axle. The camshafts have been made heavier in the new models, and specially-cut cams employed to reduce sound. The timing gears are now cut spiral to reduce wear and noise. The position of the fuel pressure pump has been altered, bringing it to a more accessible position; the tire pump has been provided with a positive clutch instead of the cone type, while the centrifugal water pump has been mounted on special brackets, which facilitate its removal. The fan has been slightly enlarged to increase its efficiency.

Detail Modifications Made

The frame on the touring chassis has been deepened to eliminate any possibility of sagging. The left-hand steering with center control that was used formerly has been retained in the new series. A special spring arrangement has been introduced in the steering post, eliminating all possibility of rattle. The flanges on the side of the fenders have been deepened, giving a more substantial appearance to the car and the tool boxes are located beneath the chassis frame, behind the running board, accessible through the splash guards.

Slight improvements are reported in the spring construction, which are said to eliminate all possibility of their settling, while in no way impairing their ease of riding. The braking surface has been enlarged, and the driving dogs on the drive-axle ends have been increased in size.

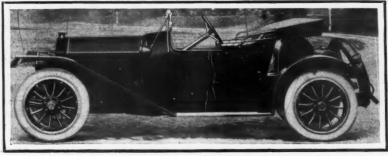
Using Hardened Bushing

Of especial import is the inserting of hardened steel bushings in a number of places about the car to prevent wear on essential parts, and to permit of replacing the wearing parts without renewing the parts.

The foot-mat introduced on the touring cars of the original series V, has, in the improved series, been countersunk in the running board itself, so that it lies flush with its surface, greatly improving the appearance. The roadster body has its sides a trifle lower, and the curve of the back seat on the touring car has been increased. The dash boxes have been raised, and flush dash lights used instead of the former attached side lights. The space under the front seats has been left open from the rear, which will hold a small trunk or two suitcases, endwise.

The Gray & Davis generator is mounted at the front of the motor, and drives from the camshaft by means of a silent chain from the camshaft. The starting motor

> is carried behind the flywheel, and drives through a series a reduction gears to the toothed flywheel. A round button at the right of the pedals operates the sliding gear that establishes this connection and at the same time with two separate switches. The first switch connects the motor with the battery through a resistance, turning it over very slowly,



ROADSTER OF NEW NATIONAL SERIES



LEFT-HAND DRIVE AND CENTER CONTROL OF 1913 NATIONAL LIMOUSINE

which turns the sliding gear just fast enough to mesh easily with the flywheel teeth.

When the gears are meshed, the extreme pressure of the pedal closes the starting switch, and the current is fed direct to the motor, driving the engine at about 100 revolutions per minute, until the engine responds, when, at the release of pressure on the starting pedal, springs open the starting switch, and slide the gears out of mesh. When the engine is running, the motor and its attachments are out of service, while as an additional protection, the gear is fitted with an overrunning clutch which prevents the armature from being driven by the engine at a speed sufficiently high to damage it. The battery is carried in front of the left running board, and furnishes sufficient current to run the car, should an emergency arise that required such use, and to

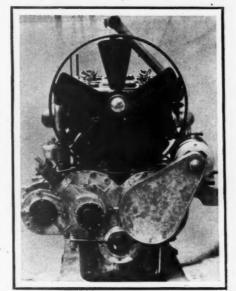
light the car for several hours without the aid of the dynamo.

Equipment and body appointments that are worthy of attention are the 12-inch turkish upholstery, full nickel trim, a slightly lengthened touring body, a new windshield, an electric horn, and improved tire irons.



History of South America

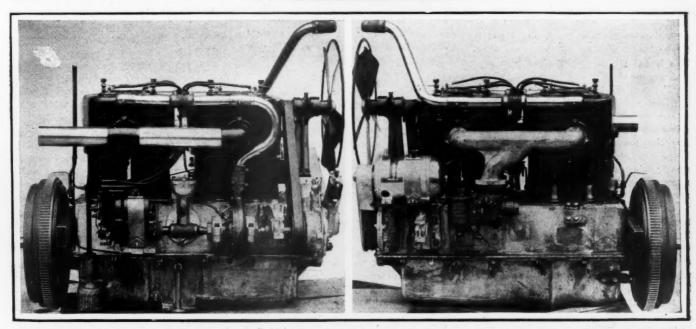
"O BSERVATIONS and Impressions of South America," by James Bryce, is a comprehensive history of the country lying south of us and made especially interesting just at present by our attention being fixed upon the Canal Zone that lies





INTERIOR OF NATIONAL LIMOUSINE WITH FOLDING AUXILIARY CHAIRS IN PLACE

between. The author felt a great curiosity to discover the causes that produced so many revolutions and civil wars in Spanish America, and still later these countries embracing such an economie factor in the modern world. To satisfy this longing the writer spent many months in securing and learning by observation and reports these things which he has so embodied in the pages of this book. Of particular interest is the history of Colombia and Panama and the descriptions given in regard to the events leading up to our becoming the possessor and builder of the great canal. The book will be of much interest to any one seeking a condensed history of the southern continent, and of value to those who are interested in the commercial activities of the growing expansion of such intercourse between the two countries. The Macmillan Co. Price, \$2.50.



THREE VIEWS OF IMPROVED NATIONAL MOTOR. TOP—FRONT END VIEW, SHOWING AIR PUMP AND INCASED SILENT CHAIN GENERATOR DRIVE. LEFT—EXHAUST SIDE, SHOWING MAGNETO PUMP AND FAN DRIVES. RIGHT—INLET SIDE, SHOW-ING NEW INLET MANIFOLD, GRAY & DAVIS GENERATOR AND TOOTHED FLYWHEEL



The Realm of The Commercial Car



Cost of Horse Operation Boston Pays \$5.02 Per Day for a One-Animal Rig

THAT the increase of motor trucks in New England in general and Boston in particular is bound to grow very largely this year is plain from the manner in which the owners of horse-drawn vehicles are going about the work of studying conditions

There is in Boston an organization known as the Team Owners' Association that comprises more than 100 firms engaged in the trucking business. The greater number use horses, but more would be using motor trucks, perhaps, if they could get the information relative to costs comparing horse-drawn vehicles and trucks. So it was decided to go about the business the proper way. A circular was issued recently to the members stating that there has been so much discussion on the question of the cost of operating horse-drawn vehicles that it had been decided to get some figures on it.

William H. S. Jarvis, a public accountant, who has done much work for members of the association, was asked to delve into the figures, and then appear before the association and tell what he had learned. This he did a few days ago. In his report he said:

"To start with, there are 365 or 366 days in a calendar year. A horse, to take the horse as a unit, has to be fed, housed, maintained and cared for during the 365 days, but to get his earning capacity, excepting the unusual occasions of a few Sundays or night work, there should be a deduction of 52 days for Sundays and 9 for holidays, leaving 304 effective days. This is actually a reduction of 16% percent or one-sixth.

"Further, for illustration, a large drayage business of just 200 horses, must of course, have from four to six driving horses for the use of managers and foremen in properly directing the work. There are spare or sick horses, which would bring the total of unproductive horses up to about twenty or just 10 per cent. Now these driving horses must be fed and cared for, as well as the sick horses and this takes off 10 per cent more from the 831/3 per cent left, which would leave about 75 per cent. Therefore, if it costs as it does at present, \$19.87 per month to feed a heavy draft horse, and there are 200 horses in the stable, it means an expenditure, at present prices for oats, hay, grain and other feed, of \$3,974, and to get the cost of keeping one draft horse effectively in the street per day divide by the number of horses, and make an al-

lowance for holidays, and this would be 90 cents per day per horse, from which you must not jump to the conclusion that anyone claims a horse actually eats 90 cents worth of feed per day.

"What it actually eats is 66 cents worth at present prices, and the rest is added as his proportion of that food eaten by idle horses, those that are sick, and that proportion of the holiday divided up on to the working day. The following tabulation will show the cost of operating single and double teams in Boston:

	One	TWO
	Horse	Horse
	Rig	Team
Driver's pay per day	\$2.00	\$2.50
Feed per working horse per day		1.80
Rent and stable expenses per horse		
per day		.62
Shoeing and small repairs per		
horse per day		.38
Claims, accidents, tolls, etc	.18	.36
Foremen's and lumper's pro rata.	.18	.36
Other helpers per horse per day		.40
Repairs, harness and painting	.13	.26
Manager's or superintendent's sal		
aries per day	10	.20
Office rent, telephones and clerks.		.62
Miscellaneous, veterinary, etc	.24	.48
Fire and accident insurance	08	.16
Depreciation for renewals of		
horses	20	.40
	\$5.02	\$8.54
	40.02	40.01

In conclusion Mr. Jarvis said: "It would seem from the above figures that any man that thought of letting a truck for \$8 a day or less is cheating himself. and if he will look over these twelve items he will claim, as he owns his stables, he does not have to pay stable rent, and as he puts his own time in, perhaps, working 15 to 18 hours per day, he is saved manager's salaries; but is that an intelligent way to run a business, and is not the transporting through the streets of a city like Boston millions of dollars' worth of costly goods and the largest amount of wool handled in any city in the world, with the possible exception of Liverpool, an important business?"

TO BUILD GAS TRACTORS

A company which will specialize in the manufacture of tractors propelled by gasoline motors has been organized at Appleton, Wis., under the name of Killen-Walsh Mfg. Co. and incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. The company has leased the Double Power Wind Mill Co.'s plant at Appleton and is already engaged in the construction of additions. The tractor to be produced is the design of William Strait, of New Mexico, who finally determined upon the Commercial Club of Appleton as giving the best proposition. The promoters of the company are W. H. Killen of Appleton; Walter L. Walsh of Eau Claire, Wis.; W. J. Walsh of Elmyra, N. Y., and William Strait. The Strait tractor is well known throughout the west, it being applicable, it is said, to any and all kinds of hauling by farmers, contractors and others.

Has New Delivery System

Chicago Department Store Garages Trucks in Its Sales Building

THE Boston Store of Chicago is to load trucks direct in attic and cellar, electric in the sub-basement and gas trucks on the fourteenth floor.

It long has been predicted that the coming of the motor vehicle with its greater speed of operation would mean the entire reorganization of delivery systems in many instances and the adoption of new methods of loading.

That such would be necessary in the case of the large stores in our big cities in the near future has been a thing of common knowledge for some time past, as many big department stores made minor changes in their shipping arrangements to fit the new deliveries. The Boston Store is to make a radical change in the near future if present plans are carried out. New motor vehicles already have been ordered to fit the scheme which it is intended to put into operation during the first part of this year.

Chicago department stores have had many things with which to contend in their city deliveries. The congestion of the downtown district has been so great that the authorities have virtually forbidden the putting on of any more horse vehicles from these stores or the loading at sidewalks of more vehicles than are in use now. The alleys are notoriously narrow in Chicago and furnish almost no loading space. To get around the difficulties large motor trucks have been loaded at the stores heretofore and sent to substations where the distributing to numerous small vehicles has been made.

This system saved the congestion of vehicles on downtown streets and especially at loading curbs and in the days when there were no small delivery vehicles reliable enough or dependable enough for house-to-house work this was the one way to facilitate deliveries. It was obviously useless to try to deliver parcels in house-to-house work with a 3-ton truck, which size was all that the firms considered practical at the time power vehicles were first adopted.

With the last 3 years' experience the downtown stores have become convinced of the practicability of the small cars of the present day, both of gasoline and electric types and have proved them out for parcel delivery. At the same time they have added to their fleets of big gasoline cars for furniture delivery work, this being a large bulk of the daily delivery volume of these stores.

As the small and fast vehicles have

WASH ROOM

UPPER FLOOR FOR LOADING 3-TON FURNITURE VANS

proved capable there has been a questioning as to whether a large part of the substation work could not be done away with and all deliveries sent out direct from the store. The scheme was feasible but for the loading and for this there was

no space. The police authorities of the Windy City also were dubious at first as to allowing a whole fleet of vehicles to be let loose through the most crowded part of the city at once during several periods of the day, but on understanding that the vehicles were all to be motor driven the consent was given to try out the scheme, since no matter how many started out at once they, with their speed, could be well out of the crowded district in 10 minutes from the time of leaving and could be timed to avoid interference with rush traffic hours.

This permission gained, the matter of loading was taken up with the result that in the future the electric parcel cars will be taken to the sub-basement of the store, by elevator, here to be loaded direct in the shipping room. This will save hours in the loading time each day and will rush deliveries considerably.

The cars will be charged at the same platform. There will be loading space for fifteen vehicles at a time in the basement and if more are used they will load on schedule to prevent interference so that the loading spaces will be occupied as much of the time as possible. As soon as one vehicle leaves another can take its place. While this is going on in the second basement there will be other operations near the other end of the building, on the fourteenth floor.

To this floor which is built with a heavy concrete floor, will be lifted the 3-ton gasoline furniture cars and here, next door to the furniture room, they will be loaded from stock without rehandling and at great saving of time.

and cellar it is expected will be a great timesaver and such further detailed systems of loading will be adopted as are found to best fit the cars with the facilities at hand.

MOTOR PIKE FOR GEORGIA

A novel common carrier will be built in Georgia within the next several months, when Dahlonega promoters will grade and equip a first class motor pike from that town to Gainesville, a distance of 21

Dahlonega has no railroad facilities, and the people of that section have to drive to Gainesville when going to other points. The Dahlonega parties will grade a first class pike over the distance and then put on a regular motor schedule for passengers and freight.

The promoters have taken the matter up with the state railroad commission to know if the enterprise will come under the jurisdiction of that body. As it is a common carrier the commission will probably take jurisdiction. The matter will be threshed out at a meeting of the commission to be held in the near future.

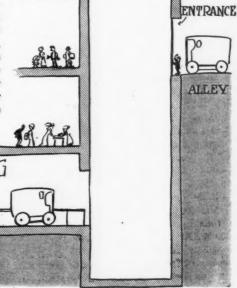
RUSSIA ORDERS WHITE TRUCKS

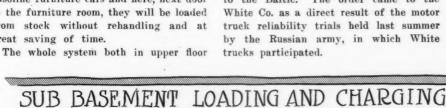
In carrying out the plan to put the Russian army on an active footing, to be ready for any emergency that may arise as an outcome of the present Balkan troubles, the Russian government has placed an order with the White Co., of Cleveland, for ten motor trucks of 3 tons capacity, fitted with special service bodies of standard Russian army design. The order came by cable, and called for immediate delivery. As soon as the bodies could be built, the trucks were crated and shipped by special train to New York city, and are at present on their way across to the Baltic. The order came to the White Co. as a direct result of the motor truck reliability trials held last summer by the Russian army, in which White trucks participated.

PROPOSED MOTOR VEHICLE LOADING-SYSTEM BOSTON STORE CHICAGO

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From the Four Winds



CORAL as Road Material—Coral is to be used in surfacing the new road which is to be built from New Orleans to the Southern Yacht Club's properties on Lake Pontchartrain.

Used to Transport Prisoners—A motor truck was utilized for carrying 250 prisoners from the old to the new state prison in Stillwater, Mich., several miles. Prison guards conducted the transfer in safety.

Mississippi Law Upheld—Mississippi's state motor license law has been upheld by the supreme court of the state. Owners subscribed to a fund to contest the law, which went into effect several months ago. Despite the fact that the best legal talent was engaged the court ruled that the state was entirely within its right in making the collection.

Tacoma to Shorten Course—Plans are now on foot to make a decided change in Tacoma's motor race course which will mean the shortening of the track from its present length of approximately 5 miles to $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles. There are two dangerous curves near Lakeview, and it is planned to cut off the road altogether through the town of Lakeview.

Goes Back to Old Home—Taking back its original name, the Omaha Automobile Club, instead of that later adopted of the Auto-Motor, the club has elected officers, who are: President, Gould Dietz; first vice-president, Harry Lawrie; second vice-president, B. W. Jewell; treasurer, W. D. Hosford; secretary, Lee Huff; assistant secretary, D. M. Carr.

Alabama Law Attacked—The constitutionality of Alabama's motor license tax is under fire. H. E. Bozeman, who has undertaken to fight the regulation, cites article 220 of the state constitution which forbids the state from levying privilege taxes which are within the special province of municipalities. The defense of the state is that the license law provides for the division of the receipts between the state, municipalities and counties.

Direct Levies Favored-Extensive aid will be asked of the Ohio general assembly this winter in the campaign of road building. The movement to have the general assembly make direct levies for good roads has gained impetus since the defeat of the constitutional amendment to issue bonds. The new assembly will be asked to make a general levy of one-half of 1 mill for road building, the proceeds to be available in 1914 and thereafter. It is estimated that this would raise between \$3,000,000 and \$3,500,000 annually. The assembly further will be asked to appropriate \$1,760,000 to be spent under the present laws by the state highway commissioner. This would give each county \$20,-



PARIS SALON AT NIGHT, SHOWING MAMMOTH CHANDELIER

000 to be used in road building immediately before the proceeds of the tax levy would be available.

After Illinois Route—Manufacturers and business men of Davenport, Rock Island and Moline are raising a fund of \$100,000 to be used for permanent improvements on the Ocean-to-Ocean highway if the road is routed through the tri-cities. The Tri-city Highway Association is endeavoring to increase the membership to 1,000. An aggressive membership campaign under direction of A. E. Nissen, secretary of the club, has been inaugurated. The local road boosters are also planning a Chicago-

tri-city association to be organized on the same plan as the River-to-River Road Association

Indianapolis Registrations—One of the best indications of the successful motor car business in Indianapolis during 1912, was the large increase in the number of motor car licenses issued by the city, as compared with 1911. The number of licenses issued was 3,466, as compared with 2,600 in 1911. Licenses issued in 1912 were classified as follows: Runabouts and roadsters, 1,300; touring cars, 1,802; light trucks, 172, and trucks of more than 1,000 pounds, 192.





PARIS SALON AT NIGHT, FULLY ILLUMINATED

PEERLESS Increases Stock—The Peerless Motor Co., of Cleveland, O., has filed papers with the secretary of state increasing its capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$10.000.000.

Washingtonian Bankrupt—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed by Frederick K. Barbour, of Washington, D. C., whose assets are listed at \$4,438 and his liabilities at \$9,021. Some weeks ago an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against the F. K. B. Co., motor supply dealer, of which Barbour was the head. The latter case is still pending in the bankruptcy court. In Barbour's individ-

ual case the court has awarded adjudication and has refered the case to E. S. McCalmont, referee in bankrutpey.

Will Not Issue Certificates—According to official announcement of the United States Motor Co. the receivers have decided not to take advantage of the authorization of court to actually issue the \$1,500,000 of receivers' certificates, permission to do which was given by United States District Judge Hough under date of October 28. The receivers state that pending the judicial sale of the proper ties, scheduled for January 8, manufacturing schedules will be followed only

as hitherto outlined, consisting largely of operations to maintain existing cars. The decision against issuing the certificates will result in delay of several months from the first of the year before the product of the company can be marketed.

Buys Miller Stock—James M. Hardie, who has been Chicago sales representative of the Miller Car Co., of Detroit, has purchased stock in the company, and has become secretary-treasurer and general manager.

Stoddard-Dayton Changes—John Dunwoodie has assumed duty as general superintendent of the Dayton Motor Car Co., the Dayton, O., branch of the United States Motors Co., succeeding J. H. Mertens, who has left the employ of the big merger. J. E. Burns, office manager of the company will remain it is stated.

Explosion in Gas Tank Plant—The plant of the Prest-O-Lite company, midway between Minneapolis and St. Paul, exploded at 5:30 a. m. one day last week. The watchman was killed. The loss was \$30,000. The explosion is believed to have come from the boiler, with the result that the plant ignited, although the state inspector says it did not.

Velie Increases Stock—Growth of the Velie concerns in Moline has necessitated expansion and increase in capitalization, and stockholders have just authorized two big issues. Capital stock of the Velie Motor Vehicle Co. will be advanced from \$600,000 to \$800,000 and that of the Velie Engineering Co. is to be doubled, the increase being from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Buick Officers reëlected—At the recent annual meeting of the directors of the Buick Motor Co. the following officers were reëlected for the ensuing year: C. W. Nash, Flint, president; Thomas Neal, Detroit, vice-president; Standish Backus, Detroit, secretary; James T. Shaw, Detroit, treasurer; F. A. Allen, Flint, assistant secretary and treasurer, and L. F. Ohland, Flint, comptroller.

Failure in Milwaukee-The Bates-Odenbrett Automobile Co., 501-505 Broadway, Milwaukee, has been closed by involuntary bankruptcy proceedings. The petitioning creditors are: O'Neil Oil & Paint Co., with a claim of \$1,030; George W. Browne, a Milwaukee dealer, \$138, and Julius Andrae & Sons Co., Milwaukee electrical supply house, \$46. The company was organized about 11 years ago. George Odenbrett was killed by an explosion of a gas tank 3 years ago and since then Robert Bates has conducted the business alone. At the time of the failure the company represented the Abbott, White and Krit. It is believed that a reorganization will be effected.

Stewart-Morris Kerosene Carbureter

BECAUSE of the exorbitant prices that are demanded for gasoline abroad, particularly in England, the efforts of British inventors to devise a carbureter adapted to the use of low-grade fuels have been unflagging. Kerosene, or in English parlance, paraffin, has been selected as the favorite, as possessing the most fuel units per dollar of cost of any fuel available for use in motor cars. The supply of kerosene is of course almost unlimited and the price a mere fraction of that of gasoline-or petrol. Naturally this saving cannot be effected without extraordinary measures being taken. A carbureter for kerosene must be more than an atomizer with a throttle attached.

After 5 years of experiment, the Stewart-Morris carbureter has been placed on the market by the Stewart Precision Carbureter Co., London. Fig. 1 shows the type that recently underwent a test conducted under the observation of the Royal Automobile Club of Great Britain, as applied to an American Pathfinder car. These trials were conducted on the road, on the club's six standard routes, and on Brooklands track. The report of the technical committee in brief covers the following points of observation:

The total distance traveled was 2,003.3 miles, of which 1,001 miles were run on the road, and 1,002.3 were run on the track. The average road speed was 19.8 miles per hour, actual running time, while that on the track was about 35 miles per hour. The engine was started direct on kerosene twenty-three times, the longest stop after this was done being 17 minutes. On nine occasions the engine was started on kerosene direct, gasoline having been

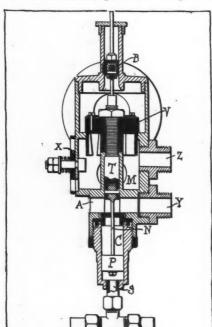


FIG. 2—SECTIONAL VIEW OF KEROSENE CARBURETER

injected previous to stopping beforehand. The longest stop before such a start was 45 minutes. The engine was started on gasoline twenty-one times, the shortest period after which the fuel was changed to kerosene being 10 seconds, the longest, 4 minutes 20 seconds. In the test 47.88 gallons of kerosene was consumed, an average of 20.91 miles to the gallon, or of 35.70 ton-miles to the gallon; 1.05 gallons of gasoline were used.

After the running test a slow enginespeed test was conducted in which the engine was run idle on kerosene for 10 minutes at a speed of 352 revolutions per minute. The speed was regular, with no misfiring. After this the engine was accelerated, and responded readily. A slow car-speed test was next made. The car was driven on high speed for a mile and a half at 6.14 miles per hour. The car was then accelerated, 39.2 miles per hour being attained in 51 seconds. The car was next run up a test hill at 11.16 miles per hour. At the conclusion of the trial, the engine was dismantled and found to be sooted with a little carbon deposit. This was ascribed to over-lubrication.

The distinctive features of this carbureter as distinguished from others of its type is that the same carbureter may be successfully used for either kerosene or gasoline, with the same adjustment. Its principle of operation is that of triple carburetion. The fuel enters the spray chamber and is atomized and mixed with air, upon which it is vaporized in a hot tube, passing through the exhaust manifold returning to the carbureter. On reentering the carbureter the gas is passed through the mixing chamber. Here it is mixed with the auxiliary air in proportions depending upon the speed of the motor and passed on to the motor through the throttle.

In construction, Fig. 2, the carbureter consists of a body, within which a weighted valve is situated adapted to both hand and engine-suction manipulation. This valve is interconnected with a needle-valve in the lower or nozzle chamber so that the amount of fuel allowed to issue from the jet is controlled mechanically in accurate proportion to the air-valve opening, so that the engine suction has no direct effect upon the amount of fluid sucked up into the cylinders.

No float chamber is fitted, the fuel passing directly from the supply pipe through a dash pot to the jet orifice. The supply pipe is connected to the fuel intake by means of a T-connection, one lead of which conducts gasoline from a small tank preferably on the dash and at gravity pressure, and the other, kerosene from the main fuel tank, preferably situated at the rear, in which a pressure variable with speed is maintained. Suitable valves

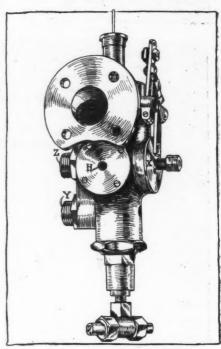


FIG. 1—STEWART-MORRISS CARBURETER FOR HEAVY FUELS

control the admission of one fuel or the other. From the supply tank the fluid enters a cylinder C, in which a plunger P is situated. This plunger is connected to needle-valve N, which is suspended from the valve-stem T. The fuel passes around the plunger P and through the orifice of the jet, whence it issues in the form of a fine spray to be mixed with air from the main air inlet A, being drawn from thence through pipe Y to the vaporizer. The vaporizer consists of a coil of pipe within the exhaust pipe, which thoroughly heats the carbureted mixture. It returns through pipe Z and enters the mixing-chamber. Here it is mixed with auxiliary air from the compensating-valve X in proportions proportionate to the throttle opening. This action is secured by a linkage connecting the butterfly-valve throttle with the shutter on the valve X.

For high speeds auxiliary air is taken in at valve H as determined by a hand-operated control. From the mixing chamber the gas is drawn into the motor through a slot in valve V, and in so passing lifts this valve. As the suction increases the amount of air passing this valve is greater, so that it is raised higher, simultaneously opening the nozzle-valve N wider and allowing more fuel to be carbureted. The valve is maintained in its proper position by the balancing piston B.

In use, to start the motor cold, the kerosene supply being shut off the gasoline supply-valve is opened and the motor started on this fluid. As soon as the motor responds the kerosene supply cock is opened and the gasoline supply shut off. For all ordinary running the auxiliary air

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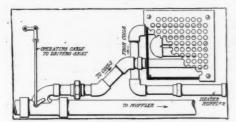


FIG. 3-AMERICAN EXHAUST HEATER

is taken care of by the throttle linkage, the throttle control being as usual. For higher speeds and for heavy pulling on low gear the hand-controlled air inlet is opened, being operated exactly like a throttle. In stopping the motor, the kerosene supply is cut off and gasoline gas allowed to fill the cylinders on the dying revolutions of the engine. If the stop is not to be a long one, the change of fuel need not be made, as the motor will start on kerosene if the motor is warm.

Difficulties have been experienced with supply cocks leaking, kerosene being a very searching fluid. For this reason, three-way valves cannot be used for the fuel supply, but individual cocks must be fitted for each feed. The tank for this reason is preferably situated at the rear of the car, where there is no danger of ruining the body finish or trim with the kerosene. Cocks that will not leak, being so hard to find, the makers of the carbureter furnish two with each instrument. Inasmuch as the pressure of the fuel-feed plays such an important part in the proper functioning of the carbureter, special pressure gauges are supplied with each outfit.

Pressure may be maintained in any of the customary ways, about 3 pounds to the square inch being the average normal pressure. Subsequent refinements will no doubt bring out a simplified control that will operate the fuel supply-valves, govern the pressure, and operate the auxiliary air in association with the hand-throttle. Various grades of heavy and illuminating oils may be used with this carbureter, which is made possible with the minimum of adjustment by the elimination of the float feed. Heavier oils being used with higher supply pressures than lighter grades.

Verges Pneumatic Safety Clutch

The Verges pneumatic clutch is designed to prevent grabbing by means of a cylinder and piston construction of the members of the clutch, by which an air cushion is made to make the clutch action smoother by a dash-pot action. The clutch, Fig. 4, consists of an otherwise standard cone clutch, the cone of which is fitted with a cylindical projection, open at the front. Within this is a piston, with a packing ring, which is secured to the flywheel. The spring and actuation linkage is in the usual manner.

In the figure, A is the air cylinder in

which the piston P works. R is the packing ring, which is used to secure compression. When the clutch is pulled back out of engagement, it cannot jerk back into engagement, but must return gradually. No resistance is exerted to the backward movement of the clutch, as air is readily admitted to the cylinder through the checkvalve C, but on the motion being reversed the check-valve closes, and the air is allowed to escape from the cylinder at a slow rate through a small adjustable passage in the valve. By regulating this valve the speed of engagement may be varied. The advantages of such an arrangement are that if the foot of the operator accidentally slips from the clutch pedal, the clutch is not allowed to jam and grab.

Strickland Spark Starter

The Strickland starting device is essentially a part of the motor, and the motor therefore is capable of starting itself without the aid of external contrivances. This is accomplished in this device by revolving the camshaft independent of the crankshaft, or with stationary pistons, in other words, while interfering in no wise, it is asserted, with its proper and accurate functioning in normal running.

The device consists of a ball-clutch in the hub of the camshaft gear, which causes the shaft to be driven by the gear when the latter is in motion, but permits the revolution of the camshaft forward, independent of the gear. A chain and sprocket, also fitted with a ball-clutch, is connected to a starting crank on the dash, so the crank may be used to turn the camshaft for starting, but remain idle when

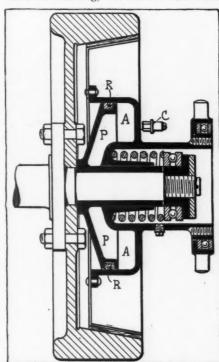


FIG. 4—VERGES PNEUMATIC CLUTCH

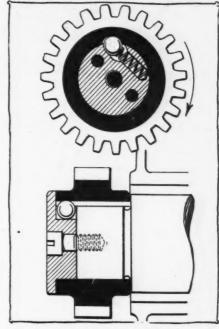


FIG. 5-STRICKLAND STARTER RATCHET .

the motor is running. The construction of these ball clutches is shown in Fig. 5. Λ foot button is connected to a valve on the acetylene tank pipe leading to the intake manifold.

In operation, the crank is revolved one turn, with the foot button pressed, thus putting the engine through one-half cycle, and drawing in a charge of acetylene gas into two cylinders. The spark is then switched on, the motor firing the charge of acetylene, and starting. The successful operation of the device depends upon the return of the camshaft back to the same position in which it was at the beginning. The Strickland device is the invention of S. A. Strickland, Detroit, Mich.

American Auto-Heater

Of the exhaust type, the American motor carwarmer, Fig. 3, is the product of the American Auto-Heater Co., Buffalo, N. Y. It consists of a radiating box covered with a perforated plate, designed to be inserted in the floor of a motor car. Within this box is a coil of pipe, connecting on one hand with the exhaust line, through a threeway valve, and on the other with a heater muffler. It is regulated by the three-way valve. This is controlled through a cable and bell-crank by the driver. A special valve is used for this purpose that when closed allows a free passage for the exhaust gases through it and cuts off the heater entirely. There is no cost of operation with this heater, as the heat liberated from the exhaust gases would otherwise be lost, and the cooling of the gases through the coils condenses them and serves to assist the small heater muffler in silencing the exhaust.



Brief Business Announcements

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CUERO, Tex.—J. T. Freeman and associates are aranging to establish a plant for the manufacture of a car device.

Louisville, Ky.—The Breyfogle-Green Co. has moved into its new garage at the southwest corner of Second and A streets.

Fremont, O.—The Safe Storm Shiel Co., of Fremont, has filed papers with the secretary of state increasing its capital stock from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Akron, O.—Frank Selzer, 116 S. Main street, is having plans drawn for a \$45,000 garage to be constructed in Bowery street. The plans will call for a four-story reinforced concrete building.

Galveston, Tex.—The Galveston Commercial Association is promoting the organization here of a company with a capital stock of \$100,000 for the purpose of erecting a plant for manufacturing motor

New Orleans, La.—T. H. McGiehan has resigned his position of manager of the New Orleans branch of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., to accept the position of general manager of the Motz Tire and Rubber Co., in Akron, O.

Louisville, Ky.—The Southern Motors Co. has acquired a 20-year lease on property owned by the Armstrong estate, in Third avenue just south of Chestnut street, as a step toward carrying out a project to erect a mammoth garage, larger than any other in the city, costing \$100,000 or more. The new structure will have a total frontage of 138 feet and extend back 200 feet.

Baltimore, Md.—The Church-Field electric is being handled by the Lambert Automobile Co., Maryland and Mt. Royal avenues, Hudson representative.

Columbus, O.—The Bracken Stanton Co. is the name of a new concern which has opened a tire business at Fourth and Gay streets and will handle the Walpole tires.

Yoakum, Tex.—The Yoakum Machine Shops and Garage Co. was recently organized for the purpose of establishing machine shops and garage at Yoakum.

Baltimore, Md.—Quarters have been opened in Baltimore at 308 North Hollday street by the Rholo Tirefiller Co., of which Charles B. Berry and W. N. Glass are in charge.

Winnipeg, Man.—The Manitoba Electric Motor Car Co. has been organized with a capital of \$50,000 to handle the Rauch & Lang line of electric vehicles. The manager of the new concern will be F. H. Girdlestone.

Milwaukee, Wis.—H. P. Ziegler, manager of the Milwaukee branch of the Goodyear company for several years, with headquarters at 134-136 Oneida street, on January 1 was promoted to the position of general manager of the Chicago district of the Goodyear company. The district includes

the principal cities of Chicago, Milwaukee, Omaha, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Des Moines and Sioux City.

New York—Fred J. Titus has been appointed southern representative of the motor car department of the American Locomotive Co.

Boston, Mass.—H. Ross Maddocks, with headquarters at 4 Mystic avenue, Medford, Mass., has been appointed Massachusetts distributor of Stewart trucks. He will secure Boston salesrooms later.

Detroit, Mich.—H. M. Denyes, of the technical department of the Buick Motor Co., at Flint, has gone with the Jackson-Church-Wilcox Co., at Saginaw, as chief engineer.

Baltimore, Md.—The Schacht has made its entry into the Baltimore field. A direct factory branch is located at 2 East North avenue in the Casino building, which is in charge of I. R. Smith, formerly of Hagerstown, Md.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Orrin R. Hughes, of Marshfield, Wis., state agent for the Garford pleasure and commercial cars, and John McDonald, Jr., who recently resigned as manager of the Kopmeier Motor Car Co., Milwaukee, have joined forces and organized the Hughes-McDonald Motor Car Co., to represent the following lines: Garford, Flanders six, Ohio electric and Garford truck. The company will continue

its principal headquarters on Thirteenth street, between Grand avenue and Wells street, Milwaukee, for the present.

Atlanta, Ga.-The Cartercar has opened a factory branch here. W. C. Mahoney has been made manager of the new branch which is at 242-244 Peachtree street.

St. Louis, Mo .- The Wilcox Trux Sales Co. has been formed in St. Louis to handle the Wilcox. F. A. Nolan is president of the new company which is practically a factory branch.

Pittsburgh, Pa.-The Ley Construction Co., this city, is taking sub-bids on the construction of a \$25,000 fireproof garage in North Highland avenue for William R. Laird. The Pullman Taxicab Co., 210 South Highland avenue, is the lessee.

Columbus, O .- S. W. Schott, local distributor for the Empire and Brush cars, has moved his headquarters from his present location at 602 North Fourth street to more commodious rooms, which he has made arrangements to lease at 237 North Fourth street.

St. Louis, Mo .- The Republic Rubber Co., of Youngstown, O., has leased the building at 2018-20 Locust street, St. Louis, to be used as a branch for the Republic tires. George H. Hoffman will be branch manager. Bart S. Adams, who originally introduced the Republic tires in St. Louis, will continue to handle them at 3408 Lindell

Des Moines, Ia .- The Herring Motor Co. is moving into a new four-story brick building. One entire floor of the building will be given over to the assembling plant where twenty Ford cars are assembled daily. Another floor will be used by the Herring Motor Supply Co. The Des Moines Motor Co., agent for the White and Studebaker, has taken the old quarters of the Herring company. The Brown-Corley Mo-

tors Co. and C. F. Stewart, district manager for the Flanders, this week moved to the new Masonic temple.

Hartford, Wis.-Lohr & Daniels, South Main street, representatives of the Ford, have completed a large addition to their garage and salesroom building.

St. Louis, Mo .- A company has been formed to manufacture and distribute a motor car heater. It is known as the Bernays-Johnson Fireless Heater Co. The factory and sales offices are located in University City.

Oconto Falls, Wis .- The Oconto Falls Motor Car Co. has taken occupancy of its new garage building, erected at a cost of \$10,000. The garage has a commodious repair shop and storage room. The company represents the Overland and Ford.

Stevens Point, Wis .- The Wisconsin Graphite Co., which owns and mines on more than 200 acres of graphite land in this vicinity, has passed into the sole ownership of E. W. Seller of Stevens point. The company also owns a large water power at McDill.

Newark, O .- The plant, patent rights and all other assets of the C. M. Thompson Co., Newark, O., have been purchased by W. A. Pings, Detroit, Mich. The works will be reorganized, pending which the same officers will remain in charge. The concern manufactures an indestructible hose clamp for motor cars. It is rumored that the plant may be removed to Detroit.

Louisville, Ky. - Following the new policy of the Oldsmobile company to withdraw its wholesale branches in several cities and to handle the wholesale business through its factory at Lansing, Mich., the three-story garage at 728-730 South Fourth avenue has been sold. The consideration, it is understood, was close to \$75,000. Arrangements are now being made to provide

for a local retail agency to handle the Olds line. The property was purchased by G. M. Clark.

Louisville, Ky.-The Yager Motor Car Co., agent for the Hupmobile and Peerless, is erecting a new garage at Third avenue and the L. & N. railroad crossing.

Atlanta, Ga.-The new building being erected by the Buick Motor Co. in Atlanta, Ga., is located at Peachtree and Harris streets. It is of solid concrete freproof construction, is five stories high and has a total of 26,000 square feet.

Boston, Mass.-Manager R. B. Nettleton, of the Boston branch of the Lozier, has formed a company to handle the car in the Hub capitalized at \$1,000, with himself as president and treasurer and R. S. Barlow and S. G. Barker as directors.

Philadelphia, Pa .- The Baker-Bell Motor Co., local distributor of the Commerce delivery truck, has taken possession of its new quarters, 665-669 North Broad street. Baker and Bell, as managers of the Cartercar Motor Co., also handle the Carter-

Mifflintown, Pa .- The Juniata Automobile Co., H. D. Pettit proprietor, is making plans for the erection of a modern garage, showrooms and repair shop building to be 32 by 75 feet, and completed by March 10. The Juniata company will handle the Mitchell in Juniata, Snyder and Mifflin counties. It will handle a line of supplies.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The Studebaker Co. of Minnesota has made a lease for a threestory building to be erected on a site 75 by 154 feet at Fourteenth street and Hennepin avenue. Work will begin on the building at once. The structure will cost about \$75,000. The company now occupies a new building of larger size farther down town of which no disposition has been made yet.

New Orleans, La.—J. A. Landry Motor Car Co., capital stock, \$25,000; directors, J. A. Landry, J. B. Avegno, R. J. Monroes.

New York—United Rubberine Supply Co., capital stock, \$200.000; to deal in tire filler; incorporators, T. H. Royce, C. L. Brookheim. New York—Wholesale Auto Tire Co.; capital stock, \$1,000; incorporators, W. P. Cole, D. Morris, A. Levy.

New York—General Interboro Auto Express, capital stock, \$3,000; incorporators, G. I. Pound, J. Pallett, P. Pound.

New York—Eureka Auto Dispatch, capital stock, \$1,000; conduct motor car express business; incorporators, R. C. Cuyler, J. C. Stewart, F. T. Lind.

Norfolk, Va.—Michigan Motor Branch of Virginia, capital stock, \$10,000; incorporators, J. T. Buchanan, R. H. Baker, A. M. Bopp.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Cole Motor Co., capital stock, \$5,000; incorporator, E. L. Beatty, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Union Top Mfg. Co., capital stock, \$25,000; to make motor cars; incorporators, J. R. Young, J. Milholland, L. C. Shreve.

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Portland, Me.—Portland Automobile Dealers' Association, capital stock. \$10,000; incorporators, F. A. Nickerson, E. F. Brewer, L. C. Gilson.
San Antonio, Tex.—Motor Car Supply Co., capital stock, \$5,000; incorporators, C. P. Guthrie, H. B. Lyne, J. Harrison, W. Harrison,

rison.

South Bend, Ind.—Cadillac Motor Sales Co., capital stock. \$10,000: incorporators, N. L. Otis, G. H. Grieger, E. W. Steinhart.

Springfield, III.—Broadway Auto Sales Co., capital stock, \$2,500: incorporators, A. Thompson, J. G. Stuart, J. G. Clough.

St. Louis, Mo.—J. T. Moss Motor Car Co., capital stock, \$10,000; incorporators, T. J. Moss, J. W. Fristoe, E. J. Dykstra.
St. Johnsville, N. Y.—B & C Auto Co., capital stock, \$3,000; incorporators, G. F. Bierman, S. V. Christman, C. A. Bierman, Wheeling, W. Va.—Bridgeport Auto Co., capital stock, \$5,000; to manufacture motor cars; incorporators, J. B. Handlan, W. G. Hamilton, G. T. Knote, E. Morrell, H. Miller, Williamson, N. Y.—Williamson Garage Co., capital stock, \$20,000; incorporators, R. S. Carr, C. I. Dezutter, A. F. Raynor.

Worcester, Mass.—Maykel Automobile Co., capital stock, \$12,500; directors, M. K. Maykel, M. L. Katz, A. Massad.

Baltimore, Md.—Maryland Motor Car Insurance Co., capital stock, \$300,000; incorporators, J. C. Fenhagen, W. Whitridge, W. G. Bowdoln, J. P. Bonsal.

Boston, Mass.—Lozler Motor Co. of New England, capital stock, \$1,000; directors, R. B. Nettleson, R. S. Barlow, S. G. Barker, Boston, Mass.—Norwalk Motor Car Co., capital stock, \$75,000; directors, C. W. Smith, J. W. Briggs, M. A. Beaudet.

Canton, O.— Original Punctureproof Co., capital stock, \$50,000; to deal in motor car accessories; incorporators, W. E. Steinmetz, E. D. Myers, E. L. Hang, W. Worley, R. E. Mitzel.

Chicago—Aldine Auto Livery Co., capital stock, \$2,500; to conduct motor car livery; incorporators, C. A. Dickinson, A. B. Lapham, W. R. Scates.
Chicago — Marmon Chicago Co., capital stock, \$20,000; general motor car business; incorporators, M. E. Horn, C. E. Erbstein, E. J. Ehlers.

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Columbia, Ky.—Columbia Motor Freight Co., capital stock, \$3,000; incorporators, R. H. Durham, W. R. Myers, E. B. Barger.
Detroit, Mich.—Detroit Armature & Motor Works, capital stock, \$10,000; incorporators, W. J. Harting, J. S. Keightley, M. E. Reynolds.
Detroit, Mich.—Armitage Leather Co., capital stock, \$35,000; to manufacture leather for motor cars; incorporators, E. Armitage, W. S. Gurd, R. B. Gillespie.
Fall River, Mass.—Frank C. Silvia Co., capital stock, \$5,000; general motor car business; directors, H. E. Clarkin, F. C. Silvia, F. Amber.

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Harrisburg, Pa.—Morton Truck & Tractor Co., capital stock, \$1,000; incorporators, J. Campbell and others.

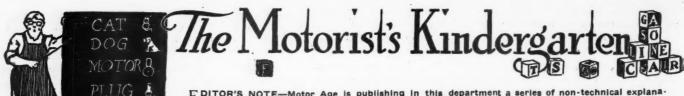
Jamestown, N. Y.—Eagle Garage Co., capital stock, \$25,000; incorporators, S. B. Robbins, O. M. Spencer, G. Rappole.

Kansas City, Mo.—Hanna Motor Mfg. Co., capital stock, \$60,000; incorporators, John M. Hanna, F. A. Hanna and others.

Louisville, Ky.—Miller-White & Co., capital stock, \$5,000; to deal in motor cars; incorporators, R. W. Miller, A. W. White, W. Atix.

Morristown, N. J.—Morristown Auto Co., capital stock, \$25,000; incorporators, J. J. Lyons, L. Van Gasbeek, A. Newark.

Muskogee, Okla.—Ploneer Motor Co., capital stock, \$5,000; incorporators, G. S. Waddell, H. G. Butts, M. L. Waddell.



E DITOR'S NOTE—Motor Age is publishing in this department a series of non-technical explanations of the various parts of motor cars for the benefit of the reader who knows nothing about them. The subjects will be dealt with in the most elementary manner, so that the series when completed will form a simple elucidation of the car. The first article appeared October 10, 1912.

T is evident that the electric cell described last week is totally unfit for use in motor cars unless covered, because the liquid would be slopping and spilling out. However, this same type of cell is often used for motor cars, but to prevent the liquid from spilling, the container is covered. A more common and handy way is to use what is known as a dry cell. In this type the copper of the wet cell is replaced by a carbon rod and the sulphuric acid used as the electrolyte in the wet cell is supplanted by sal ammoniac and other chemicals. The zinc, instead of being a stick or plate as in the cell described last week, is in the case of the dry cell a can. This can acts as the container as well as the negative electrode.

When the term dry cell is used, one must not get the idea that the contents of the cell are perfectly dry, for such is not the case. The dry cell to be distinguished from the wet cell or simple cell described last week, may be defined as a cell whose contents may not be spilled.

Fig. 21 shows how a dry cell would look if split down the middle and the illustration shows the arrangement of the different parts. The dry cell shown in the figure is an example of the commercial cell, or as it is sometimes called dry battery and is typical of this form of electricity producing agent. The common dry cell is a cylindrical can made of zinc. the inner wall of which is padded with ordinary blotting paper soaked with water. The part of the cell marked A in the figure is called the filling or electrolyte. It is composed of a number of chemical compounds, among which will be found the depolarizer. In the case of the wet cell the depolarizer was a carbon pipe placed around the positive electrode, but in the case of the dry cell the depolarizer is part of the electrolyte itself. The fill-, ing is a pasty mass made so by its mixture with water. In the middle of the electrolyte or filling is a stick of carbon or charcoal. It is not customary to use ordinary charcoal, but instead a fine grade is used similar to that employed for electric arc lamps. The stick of carbon in the cell goes about two-thirds of the distance into the can and touches nothing but the electrolyte and the tar which is placed above the electrolyte to prevent evaporation of the water. When the cell is first bought, there is a cardboard cover around the zinc cup. The reason for this will be given later.

No chemical action will take place between two substances that are perfectly

The Common Dry Cell

dry. In the case of the dry cell the action is started and continued by the use of water. The electrolyte itself is mixed with water before it is placed in the zinc can, but this is soon used up, so to supplant the deficiency the blotting paper which completely surrounds the electrolyte is soaked with water.

The electrolyte, as has been stated, is composed of a number of chemicals the nature of which vary with the different makes of dry cells. However, the result of the chemical action within the cell is the same in all cases. The filling or electrolyte usually consists of chloride of zinc, chloride of ammonia, or, as it is more often called, sal ammoniac, sulphate of lime and powdered charcoal. Of course all of these chemicals are not used in every make of cell, for some manufacturers use peroxide of manganese instead of the pow-

POSITIVE CIRCUIT

NEGATIVE ELECTRODE

TAR

TAR

CARBON

CARBON

BLOTTING PAPER
SOAKED WITH WATER

FLECTROLYTE

FIG. 21-INTERIOR OF A DRY CELL

dered charcoal, while others do not use any sulphate of lime. Then again different makers use these chemicals in different proportions. Sal ammoniac is in everycase the main constituent of the cell.

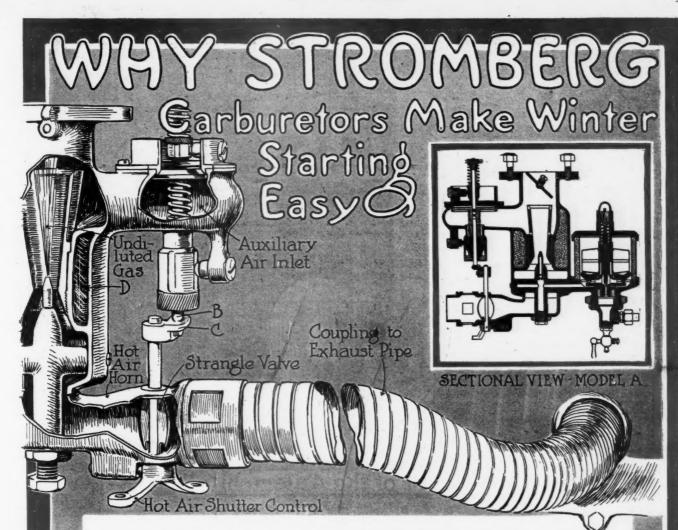
Just as the wet cell had a carbon pipeor cup as a depolarizer so the dry cell toouses carbon but in the form of a powder. It is far easier to grind some charcoal and mix it with the electrolyte than it is. to insert a pipe. The reason carbon or charcoal is used is because it has a great capacity for absorbing gases, and that is: just what a good depolarizer does-absorbs gases. All the chemicals put into the cell are previously mixed with water to form a pasty mass. This paste is packed around the carbon stick. All around the electrolyte is the water-soaked blotting paper. Molten tar is poured on top of the electrolyte, and allowed to harden. The tar prevents any of the water from evaporating, for should this occur theaction within the cell would stop. The carbon stick has attached to its upper end a screw and nut so that a wire may befastened to it conveniently. The zinc cuptoo has such a contrivance and this is well' brought out in the illustration.

The compounds, sometimes called the exciting mass, contained in the zinc can act chemically upon one another and also with the zinc container. This chemical action in the presence of the carbon produces electricity which travels from the zinc to the carbon, through the carbon stick to the outside circuit, which in the case of the motor car is usually the spark coil, but may be an electric lamp or horn.

The carbon electrode never wears out and although, the zinc does wear under ordinary conditions and use, this wear is rarely considered. The battery will give out if constantly in use long before the zinc shows signs of wear, because the water evaporates or the electrolyte is used up.

The cardboard case is placed around the zinc to prevent short circuiting; that is, to prevent the zinc of one cell from touching the zinc of another when a number are connected. Should the zinc of one touch that of another it would hinder the flow of electricity to the outside circuit.

Dry cells are practical for motor carignition only when used in intermitten service, starting the engine, for example. They are best suited as a source of current for electric horns because the horn is not used continually. The continually use of a dry cell shortens its life.



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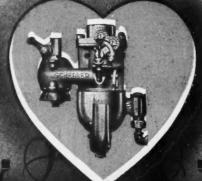
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Although the time never may come when the accessories that constitute the equipment of a car will of themselves sell cars, the fact remains that the item of equipment now is being made so much of, that he who does not turn it to advantage is permitting good "ammunition" to go to waste.

In many cases, the names of many of the devices which go to make up the equipment list are better known than the names of the cars themselves. Nor is it difficult to understand why a particular accessory should have become better known than the name of the car upon which it is mounted. The manufacturer of the device has widely advertised it and built up a reputation, and because it is a good device the manufacturer of the car and the dealer also advertise it-if they are wise-for they realize that in linking the name of a well-known and well-tried product with the name of their car a certain prestige thereby is added to the car. The automobile buying public has come to know that certain accessories have made names for themselves and it is but a step further to attach real importance to a car that carries one or more meritorious devices.

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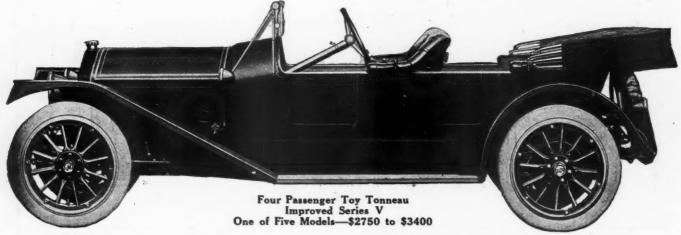
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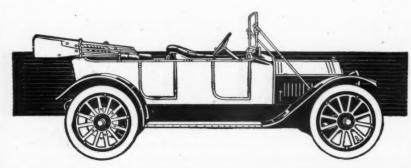
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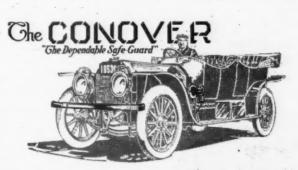
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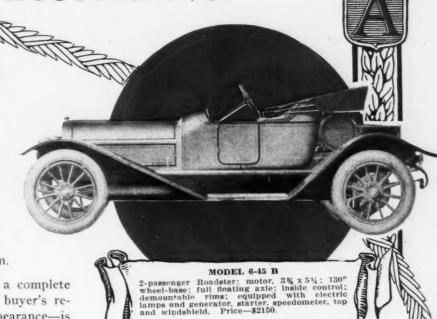
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IN this day of moderate price cars, four out of five sales fall within the two extremes-\$1,250 and \$3,000. The "one car" dealer can sell to those prospects only who fall within his "price class." Men looking for a lower price car or one not so low, sift past him.

The AUBURN dealer who handles a complete line-who has a car which fits every buyer's requirements in service, price and appearance-is limited in sales only by the number of people in

his territory on the market for quality cars. His business is extensive rather than intensive - he can sell the "great many" rather than only the "limited few." Therein lies success!



Complete Auburn Line for 1913

Model 33-L Touring Car or Roadster, complete at \$1250, flatters the judgment of those who desire maximum car efficiency joined with minimum cost.

Model 6-45 Touring Car or Roadster, Model 37-L Touring Car or Roadster at \$1525 possesses a more powerful motor, a longer wheel-base and a few the tried principles of AUBURN car construction. Magnificently equipped. An ideal family car.

Model 6-50, 7-passenger Touring Car, complete at \$3000, is the AUBURN ideal of "quality car" construction brought to its fullest perfection. Long wheel-base, full floating rear axle, electric generated lighting system, etc., etc.

Model 40-L Touring Car or Roadster, complete at \$1800, sets the standard of automobile value in its price class. Model 40-L Town Car, \$2500.

Models 40-L and 6-45 can be supplied at an additional cost with coupe, limousine or sedan bodies.

We are prepared to install electric generators and electric or compressed air starters at a small additional cost.

Write for handsomely illustrated catalog containing

Automobile Co. Indiana



The Evolution of the Delco System Revolution of the Automol

YEAR AGO one car was shown at the New York Automobile Show, equipped with

a practical electric self-starting system-

One manufacturer, with the courage of his convictions back of him, boldly announced that the 12,000 cars to be produced by his factory would be equipped with an electric self-cranking and lighting system known as the Delco.

That was just a year ago.

This year almost every car that is exhibited at the Automobile Show will be equipped with some form of electric self-starter.

In one year the Delco System has overcome criticism, demonstrated its reliability and efficiency, and has not only established itself but has made compulsory the use of some form of electrical self-starter on practically every automobile built.

It would be impossible, of course, for all of these cars to be equipped with the Delco System. Great as has been the development in manufacturing facilities during this last year, it is not equal to so gigantic a task as that.

Seven of America's leading cars will be found at this year's shows, however, exhibit-

ing the Delco System as part of their regular equipment.

And the total output of Delco Equipped Cars for 1913 will be in excess of 45,000. History has been made rapidly in the electric self-starter business.

The Delco System

Electric Cranking-Lighting-Ignition

Three important things have contributed to the extraordinary success of the Delco System.

A fundamental idea.

Second: An engineering department for the proper development and application of the idea.

Third: Capital and equipment to carry on the manu-

Each of these essentials, of course, has had to have a solid foundation in order to produce the results that have been accomplished.

Almost every one who has studied the electric selfstarting problem appreciates the soundness of the fundamental idea upon which the Delco System is based.

Only those who have actually lived at the Delco factory can appreciate the engineering perseverance and skill that have been necessary in working out the commercial application of this idea to the peculiar requirements of each of the various cars to which it has been

And only those who have seen and inspected the great factory that has been erected at Dayton, and the almost equally large one at Chicago, with their wonderful, automatic machinery and their hundreds of trained workmen, can appreciate the capital and equipment necessary to supply the insistent demand that has already developed

for Delco apparatus. The factory at Dayton has almost six acres of floor space, devoted exclusively to the manufacture of Delco Equipment. It is provided with the most modern ma-chinery that money can buy, and is manned by the best mechanics that can be found.

Millions of dollars of capital are back of the enter-

And the purpose and aim of it all is just one thing—the manufacture of the best electric starting, lighting and ignition apparatus that engineering and mechanical ability can produce.

The Delco System is simple in construction, light in weight, powerful and positive in operation.

It cranks the engine in a perfectly normal way, by applying the power externally just as you would with a

It continues the cranking process persistently, until the engine starts on its own power.

It cannot fail to start the car unless the engine itself

is out of order.

The Delco System is self-maintaining.

The ordinary operation of the car automatically charges the storage battery, and insures a uniform and always ready supply of current for ignition, for lighting purposes and for starting.

It is a made-to-order system. Built especially in each instance to meet the requirements of the cars for which it is furnished.

It is built into the car, becomes an integral part of it, and works in perfect harmony with every other part.

That is why the Delco System is not exactly the same on any two makes of cars.

And yet, in each instance, the Delco System is the most perfect that engineering skill can produce for the par-ticular car of which it is to become a part.

You will find Delco Equipment exhibited at the shows on the 1913 models of the following cars:

The Cadillac, The Hudson, The Packard, The Cole, The Oldsmobile, The Oakland, The Jackson.

We have a book describing the Delco System and its operations that we will be glad to send you upon request.

The Dayton Engineering Laboratories Co., Dayton, Ohio



The HAVERS "Six"

AT THE

New York Show.



Of course you have read our announcement "that was withheld for three years" in this week's Saturday Evening Post. It told you what we have been doing in the past three years,—what we are going to do in the future. It also told you that we will be at the New York Show.

It is the first of a series of advertisements to appear in the Post and other periodicals and newspapers. For we want to drive home to the public the fact that this is the year of the Six and the Havers the Six of the year.

We are going to exhibit our entire line of Havers Sixes at the New York Show, January 11 to 18. We will be on the mezzanine floor, Space 127.

GRAND CENTRAL PALACE.

You are cordially invited to inspect these cars.

Whether you represent a Six or not, we want you to make a careful, thorough investigation of both the finished car and the open chassis, for the Havers Six will stand comparison with the most expensive automobile manufactured.

Beautiful in line, perfect in action, exquisite in appointment, it compels your first consideration. For a thousand dollars less than you expect, it gives you everything that can be asked in Six-cylinder luxury and service. Come and make us prove it.

To the worth-while dealer who does not represent a Six, we extend a special invitation which may prove mutually profitable.

We have greatly increased our production by the purchase of the large E-M-F plant at Port Huron and in certain territory where we are not represented we have an attractive proposition. If you are not going to New York write us today for particulars.



When Writing to Advertisers, Please Mention Motor Age.



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The LUXURIOUS BROC

Elegance and Roominess Mark the New Broc Models

THE BROC actually offers more of comfort, luxury and beauty than intending purchasers expect in an electric.

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This page shows the interior of Model 29. Front seats revolve on safe, substantial pedestals; cushions are much deeper than those of any other make of electric; backs are shaped. There is ample head-room, body-room, footroom. From cushion-top to ceiling is 44½ inches.

The new Model 31 (also with pedestal front seats) is a forward-drive brougham for five passengers. It is built—as all Brocs are—with the most faithful attention to every detail of safety, comfort, convenience, beauty.

The Broc Electric Vehicle Co. 1675 East Fortieth St. Cleveland

Interior of Model 29, Rear-drive Brougham for five passengers, showing pedestal front seats



The Argo Electric Measures the Worth of All Electric Cars

We firmly believe that the day is not far distant when all electrics will discard the last few remaining evidences of time-worn construction and build the more modern style of electric

And the degree to which they approach the Argo Standard will just as surely measure their worth in the esteem of electric car buyers.

The specifications which characterize the Argo contain every advancement and refinement that makes for the safety, comfort and convenience of the owner.

Read here those high class qualities which are offered in part in other cars, but as a whole only in the Argo.

General Chassis Specifications for all Models

Frame-5" pressed channel steel drop frame. Springs—Front Springs, semi-elliptic, 38" sweep. Rear, full elliptic scroll, 38" sweep. All springs of nine leaves each of imported Krupp Silico Manganese Steel.

Axies—Front Axle, nickel steel, drop forged "T" beam. Rear Axle, full floating bevel gear type, equipped throughout with Hess-Bright ball bearings.

Brakes—Double internal expanding brakes on rear hubs, each set 14" in diameter, 11/4" wide, with Raybestos facing.

Wheels and Tires—Artillery type, 38x4".

Motz High Efficiency, 38x4"; pneumatic tires optional.

Steering—Gemmer Wheel steer, absolutely irreversible.

Lamp Equipment—Two powerful head lamps; latest pattern cylindrical side lamps; two interior lights and tail light. All finished in black enamel and sterling silver plated.

MODEL "A" BROUGHAM

Wheelbase—108½", the longest of any electric, carrying the load well between the axles, thereby insuring easy riding. Standard Tread—56".

Battery Equipment—Standard equipment, 40 cells of 11 plate, M. V. Exide Hycap. Either Edison or Ironclad Exide extra.

Motor—Westinghouse four pole series wound of unusual overload capacity with corresponding high efficiency at overloads.

Commutator—Very large and mica-slotted to prevent sparking. Commutator readily accessible through inspection covers.

Armature Bearings—Imported Annular silent

type.

Control—Patent interlocking foot control, operated with right foot pedal. One movement throws off the power and applies the brakes, and vice versa.

Speeds—Five speeds forward and five speeds reverse, ranging from 4 to 25 miles per hour.

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Drive—Power transmitted from motor to rear axle by means of Herringbone gear cased to form unit power plant with a complete elimination of universal joints or

slip couplings.

Drive Shafts—3½ per cent nickel steel heat-treated.

Individual Car Specifications MODEL "B" ROADSTER

Wheel Base—108½", carrying the load well between the axles, thereby insuring easy riding. Tread—standard 56".

Battery Equipment—Standard equipment, 40 cells of 11 plate, M. V. Exide Hycap. Either Edison or Ironclad Exide extra.

Standard Equipment—Sangamo ampere meter, electric lighted on dash; hub odometer, sealed against tampering; electric horn; tire chains; bumper; full tool equipment; charging plug; jack hydrometer.

Finish and Color—Standard colors, Royal Blue, Brewster Green and Purple Lake, suitably striped. All metal parts are sterling silver plated. Upholstering, best quality of imported whipcord with broad lace trimmed to match. Complete set of cravente slip covers to match upholstery. Interior Equipment—Toilet Case, containing card case, memo, book, mirror and small bottle smelling salts; smoking set containing match box and ash tray; especially designed cut glass flower vase; adjustable arm loops on both sides of rear seat; Phinney-Walker eight-day clock; bevel mirrors adjusted above the front window for observing approachers from the rear; complete set of cravenette slip covers to match upholstering.

MODEL "C" BROUGHAM

Wheel Base—110", carrying the load well between the axles, thereby insuring easy riding. Tread, Standard 56".

Battery Equipment—Standard equipment, 40 cells of 11 plate, M. V. Exide Hycap. Either Edison or Ironclad Exide extra.



When Writing to Advertisers, Please Mention Motor Age.

The Perfection of the Argo Electric Establishes the Standard of Electric Vehicle Construction

There is nothing particularly sensational in the Argo's rapid rise to favor—

Building a **good** car is not a matter of years—
It is more a problem of manufacturing ability—
The Argo Electric Vehicle Company have built only

one car-

But the perfection of that one car has established the Standard of Electric Vehicle Construction—

The splendid ability that designed the Argo is joined to the acknowledged manufacturing superiority of The Lufkin Rule Company, under whose exacting eye the Argo is built—

These master engineers and manufacturers have worked with a definiteness of purpose—

Toward one achievement-

To build one car as well as they knew how-

They have worked slowly — steadily — surely — planning and providing every improvement that might mean added safety—comfort—and convenience to the owner.

The Argo Builders saw Public Opinion place its stamp of disapproval upon the unsightly and unsafe highcarriage construction—

They knew that very soon this growing protest would demand a wheel steered car—

They foresaw the complicated side-control giving way to the automatic foot-control and brake—

They realized the folly of a wheel base of less than 100 inches—

There were no time-worn prejudices or expensive alterations to be overcome in the Argo factory—

They were creating for the future—not rebuilding from the past—

The Argo first announced their car in 1912, presenting even then conveniences and refinements far beyond the latest improvements of competition—

In ninety days-300 Argo Electrics found a dignified

and careful ownership-

There was no theory attached to its instant acceptance—

With scarcely a line of advertising, the Argo output of 1912 was accepted because it had rightly earned the choice of buyers—

"But," you say, "Now that the Argo has pointed the way, cannot its standard be successfully copied?"

Copied, yes, for competition always follows fast on the heels of progress—

Successfully, no — for individuality in a manufactured product must ever set the mark for those who follow after—

If the past ten-year progress in the electric field marks a precedent, the Argo will always be far in advance of its nearest competitor—

Not only in manufacturing superiority and design but in the high esteem of electric car buyers—

"But what is my position as a dealer?" you ask—
"Is mine the burden of advertising the Argo Electric
to my trade?"

Decidedly not-

Mr. Carl Metzger, General Sales Manager of the Argo, is far too experienced in the sale of electric cars not to realize the limitations that would result, if he imposed upon you a task that should rightfully fall upon the manufacturer—

He says—"Twelve years as a General Sales Manager of another electric vehicle company have proved to

me three big facts:

"First: That any manufacturer who asks his dealer to assume the advertising burden in his territory is asking him to do a thing in which he, himself, does not believe—

"Second: Publicity in the magazines of general circulation will do much to increase the popularity of a manufacturer's trade mark, but very little toward adding to the profits of his dealer.

"Third: If a manufacturer conscientiously wishes to help his dealers through advertising, he must talk to that dealer's prospects in their local paper and over his dealer's name."

That is exactly the Argo policy for 1913—

\$50,000.00 will be spent to tell the Argo story—in your local newspaper, over your name—

Our profits are dependent upon your profits-

It is Mr. Metzger's enthusiasm and careful interest for his dealers that will make possible this most effective advertising campaign—

It is Argo quality and individuality, that will make you point with pride to a car you can unreservedly guarantee for service and satisfaction.

But most of all it is the feeling of confidence inspired in your prospects by this advertising that will bring them to your show rooms firmly convinced that the worth of electric vehicles as a whole is measured by a close comparison with the Argo Standard.

Metzger-Herrington-Argo Co., Distributors 2412-2414 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Argo Electric Vehicle Company

Factories—Saginaw, Michigan
Builders of Electric Pleasure and Commercial Vehicles





FOOT CONTROL

THE action of walking is so natural you never give a thought to how it is done, although, to start, you raise one foot—to stop, you place both feet on the ground. Just as simply and unconsciously the owner of a Buffalo Electric controls the starting, stopping and speed of his car—all by the foot control—an exclusive Buffalo Electric feature. You do not walk with your hands—why start, go slowly, fast or stop a car in an unnatural manner. Foot control on Buffalo Electrics is the natural control.

Raising the foot pedal releases the brakes and applies the power—depressing the pedal shuts off the power and applies the brakes.

In driving thru congested traffic, even in case of danger of collision, your first impulse is to brace down with your foot and, to your joy, if you drive a Buffalo Electric, you find this involuntary action compels the car to respond almost as to a wish. Your hands meanwhile are free to guide the car; either or both employed for the purpose, as you desire.

Besides the factor of safety, Buffalo Electric foot control means greater battery economy.

BUFFALO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CO.

Factory and General Office:

1220 Main Street, BUFFALO, N. Y.

BOSTON

NEW YORK

PHILADELPHIA

MONTREAL





Buffalo Electrics for 1913 will be shown in Grand Central Palace—Space No. 6—from January 11th to 18th.

When you see them at the Show (we will be at the Coliseum, too), stop and go over every detail thoroughly.

Probably this is the first time you have been asked to consider the chassis elements of an electric. The reason is this:

Buffalo Electric architecture is automobile architecture. Buffalo Electric design is automobile design. Buffalo Electric engineers are among America's foremost automobile engineers.

Consider the advantages of a Buffalo Electric Agency.

FEATURES:

Single reduction, Direct Shaft Drive
Foot Control—independent of hand lever
Three point motor suspension—with the
Direct Shaft Drive

Extra battery capacity
Wire wheels as optional equipment

THE LINE:

- 2 Passenger Coupe, Model 29
- 4 Passenger Vis-a-Vis Coupe, Model 30
- 4 Passenger Forward Drive Coupe, Model 30-B

Trucks, 1500 pounds to 2 tons Industrial and Factory Trucks

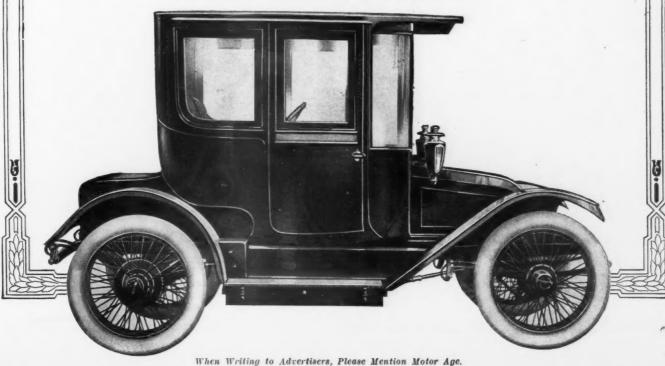
Any one of the above features is sufficient to sell the ordinary electric—all the above features in one car—think! These are only a few advantages of Buffalo Electric make-up. Buffalo Electrics have a faster get-away and are faster in traffic than gas cars. They are more efficient and economical in every use than other electrics.

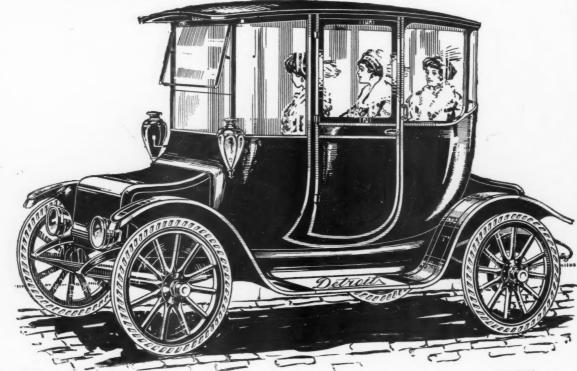
If you do not attend the Show, write for descriptive literature, agents' terms, and other information.

BUFFALO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CO.

Factory and Salesrooms:

1220 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.





Clear Vision Brougham

MODEL 42

Why Not Buy a Detroit Electric?

That is a fair question, is it not? Let us fairly answer it together by analyzing your automobile needs.

Won't at least 90% of your driving be done in the city and its environs? Admit that you may (?) do some touring, you can well afford to hire a car for this purpose and then be money ahead at the end of the year, but that is not the big point.

For all occasions—business and formal—in all kinds of weather, the Detroit Electric Clear Vision Brougham will meet all of your requirements economically with every luxury of the most expensive limousine, minus the necessity and inconvenience of a chauffeur. It has all the mileage you can possibly need. It can climb any hill that any other car of any type will climb.

If you wish to install your own charging set, the current will cost you less than any other form of energy. Oil is not a big item as there is no complex mechanism requiring it. If you wish to

complex mechanism requiring it. If you wish to have your car garaged—called for and delivered. washed, adjusted and charged-you can have this done for a nominal charge of from \$35 to \$40 per month, which includes the cost of the current used in charging.

What other type of car can offer you any such luxurious service at anywhere near the price?

Then there is the tire question. In the Detroit Electric you get cushion tires guaranteed for 10,000 miles. They will always bring you home. Another point—when you buy a Detroit Elec-

tric there is no extra equipment problem. It is electrically started and electrically lighted. It has all the advantages of electricity—not one or two of them.

You will appreciate the Detroit Electric in congested traffic. All speeds are instantly available with one lever. There is no possible chance for

your motor to stop when changing speeds.

Quick "get-away" is a pleasure.

Our new 1913 catalog has just arrived. It will be sent upon request. Our new model 42 Clear Vision Brougham for 1913 is now here. Let us take you for a ride in this car over any roads or hills that you may select.

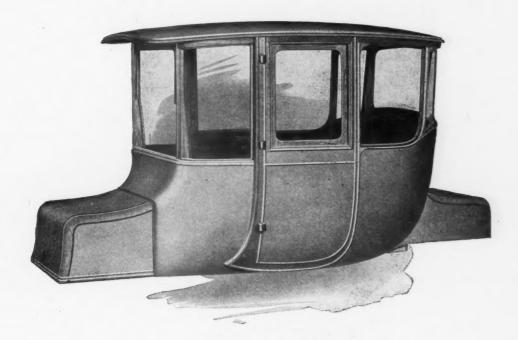
ANDERSON ELECTRIC CAR COMPANY 415 CLAY AVENUE, DETROIT, U. S. A.

BOSTON BROOKLYN BUFFALO

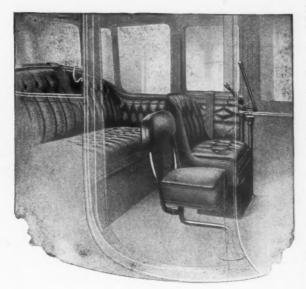
BRANCHES: NEW YORK-Broadway at 80th St. CHICAGO-2416 Michigan Ave.

CLEVELAND EVANSTON KANSAS CITY MINNEAPOLIS

Detroit Electric Bodies of Finest Material and Highest-Grade Workmanship



The panels, mouldings, window sash and roofs of Detroit Electric bodies are made of pure aluminum, the advantages of which type of construction are readily seen.



Aluminum permits of shaping into more artistic lines than any other material. There are no sharp angles, or square corners in the bodies of the Clear Vision Brougham. Beautiful, rounding, curved effects are much in vogue and are only possible with aluminum which can be shaped as easily as gold and silver and after hardening, has the tensile strength of iron.

Aluminum is lighter than wood, which is a big item in saving weight. It takes a beautiful finish and retains it without warping, cracking or checking. Detroit Electric bodies remain beautiful. The greatest care is taken to eliminate all noise. Bodies are cushioned from the chassis frames. A thick layer of felt matting is put between the aluminum roof and the top ribs of the frame for this purpose. Fenders are also of aluminum, each pair being fully enclosed between step and body.

Clear Vision Features-New Seating Arrangement

The Clear Vision feature of the 1913 Detroit Electric, with all seats facing in the direction of travel, gives an unobstructed view ahead to all occupants. No one is compelled to sit facing backward. The driver sits in one of the front seats, an arrangement which insures safety and com-fort, obtainable in no other way. The seats are all so centrally located that the driver is in no way noticeable whether alone or with others.

ANDERSON ELECTRIC CAR COMPANY 415 CLAY AVENUE, DETROIT, U. S. A.

BOSTON BROOKLYN BUFFALO

BRANCHES: NEW YORK-Broadway at 80th St. CHICAGO-2416 Michigan Ave, CLEVELAND EVANSTON KANSAS CITY MINNEAPOLIS



The Speeding Up Process

NATURE believes in the weeding out process. She starts 60 seed-lings growing, but develops only 20 real trees.

In the industrial world it is the best machines and tools which survive. Waste is sooner or later eliminated.

And one improved machine usually speeds up all the other processes identified with the manufacture or transportation of a given product.

Until we had the Motor Truck we didn't know how inefficient and wasteful were our methods of delivery with

horseflesh. The horse was efficient only so long as other methods of transportation were on par with him. With the telephone, the 20th Century Limited, and the Automobile the trackless delivery of merchandise had to be speeded up to keep pace with other things. The horse couldn't be speeded up, so he had to be weeded out; of the city at least.

The gasolene truck should never be used in the field of the Electric, and the reverse is true. Economically speaking,

the Electric Truck belongs in the field of short-haul frequent stop work. The gasolene truck will not pay in this field. It will pay and pay big in long hauls, with few stops. Together the two types make possible the speeding up process in the trackless transportation of mer-

chandise.

"Weed out" if you would "speed up."

You can argue until you are black in the face that Electric Trucks are not perfected, but that won't prevent the sale of some Ten Million Dollars' Worth in 1913 to satisfied customers. It hasn't prevented

us making nine customers absolutely "horseless" and they use over 100 G. V. Trucks between them. One brewer is saving \$80,000 per year with his fleet of 57 G. V. Trucks. He released \$5,000 worth of real estate by putting in the G. V. system.

Don't fail to read the next page, as it contains much information that you ought to know as a progressive man. Read it if you never expect to own a horse.



G. V. Electric Trucks

G. V. Electric Trucks were the pioneer Electric trucks and they are the leaders still. Thousands in use in 104 lines of trade. The only really standardized Electrics with interchangeable parts. The only long-established line of six graduated capacities.

Twenty-five (25) firms already operate 941 G. V. Electrics, an average of over 37 each. Leading retailers use 488, express companies 300, brewers 522, manufacturers and wholesalers thousands more. From Portland, Me., to San Diego, Cal., from Toronto, Ont., to Dallas, Texas, G. V. Electrics dominate their field. Manila has 23 with 16 more on order, Rio de Janeiro and Havana 13. They are used in Montreal and Minneapolis in the winter time, also.

G. V. Electrics are the logical trucks for city and suburban work.

Scores of G. V. Trucks and Wagons built in 1901 and 1902 are still in service. Some of these relatively crude models consumed as much current running "light" as the 1913 product does "loaded." In some big G. V. fleets you can see what corresponds to the G. V.

"one lunger" running side by side with the G. V. "six." That's what brings us re-order business—the **certainty** of G. V. efficiency and long life.

G. V. Electrics are the simplest trucks made. Only one motor, everything accessible, yet important parts housed. Ex-teamsters operate over \$5,000,000.00 worth.

Don't worry about Electric Truck "limitations." It's not a case of how many miles you can drive the truck per day, but how much mileage you really need for the average day's work. Where you have to make from 100 to 150 stops (and waits) per day, your mileage is limited by your working day. That's why G. V. Electrics with their average of 50 miles per battery charge, their exceedingly low cost of operation, and small replacement costs over a period of years, are such a success. They are surprising the whole country with their comparative efficiency and economy.

Can't we send you some bonafide costs of operation for G. V. Trucks and comparative horse costs?

Catalogue 102A on request.

The General Vehicle Company, Inc.

Principal Office and Factory

Long Island City, New York

New York

Chicago

Boston

Philadelphia

St. Louis

Minneapolis

Cincinnati



Rurch-yield Flectric

The Church-Field Electric combines the convenience, the simplicity of operation, the economy and the elegance of the electric vehicle with the perfect control, the power, the reliability and the general efficiency of the gasoline motor car.

It is pre-eminently the car of the discriminating man or woman who demands that the family conveyances be expressive of personality and place in the community.

The Church-Field is the only electric car that has a two-speed planetary transmission.

This means an enormous saving in the cost of maintenance, because it minimizes the wear and tear on the batteries and the consumption of current.

Furthermore it places the Church-Field on the same footing with the gasoline car in climbing hills—the crucial test of power. In a few words, the Church-Field is the electric of most power, the most perfect control—and the most elegant—and distinctive.

To convince you of this, we only ask that we be allowed to demonstrate the Church-Field to you.

A Few Church-Field Electric Features

Ten point-speed control.

Two-speed Planetary Transmission.

Specially designed and patented springs.

Specially manufactured motor with 75 to 100 per cent more power than those used in most electrics of similar type.

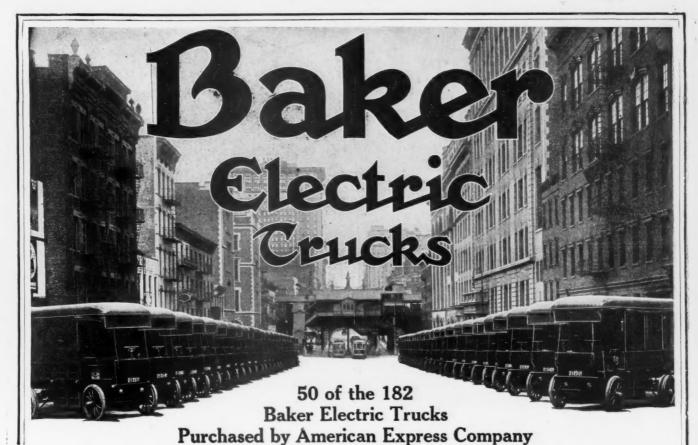
Body is low, underslung, preventing skidding and permitting easy entrance and exit.



CHURCH-FIELD ROADSTER

The Church-Field Motor Co.,

Sibley, Mich.



A modern merchandise delivery system is chiefly governed by two factors — Economy and Reliability. One of the great concerns to make a special study of this problem in the light of modern transportation requirements was the American Express Company, and to give themselves ample opportunity to try out various cars in their own way they purchased several of different makes, both electric and gasoline, and put them into service.

Over two years of exhaustive comparative tests followed, under conditions calculated to demonstrate beyond all doubt the superiority of one vehicle over another, and the results obtained from the Baker Electrics in these tests, both as to Economy and Reliability, were so highly satisfactory that this Company placed an order for 50 Baker Electrics. It has since placed additional orders, making a total of 182 Bakers.

Any business, large or small, that wants to save money in its delivery department, should get the facts about the wonderful Baker. It is—first, last and all the time—the truck of Economy, coupled with unequalled Reliability.

Economy of Operation: On account of the small amount of current it consumes—less per ton mile

than any other electric truck; on account of its simplicity of construction—non-mechanical and inexpensive men learn to operate a Baker satisfactorily in less than an hour.

Economy of Maintenance: On account of the use of the highest grade materials and workmanship, the small number and cheapness of wearing parts, the accessibility of these parts, the absence of all complicated machinery, no cooling system, no valves, no radiators, no carburetor, no ignition system, no sliding and cam gears, no clutch, no gasoline, no excessive speed.

We stand ready to demonstrate that the month to month maintenance expense of a Baker is far less than that of any other car, regardless of kind or type. Let us send you figures on this point applied to your own conditions.

Fourteen years' experience stands back of every Baker—experience devoted exclusively to electric cars, no experimenting with any other type of machine. It is experience that covers the creation and perfection of every important feature in the development of the industry. With such an engineering record as this, there can be no question as to the correctness of Baker design, construction or workmanship.

The Baker line extends from 500-lb. to 4-ton capacity—all having the service-backing of the largest plant in the world devoted exclusively to the manufacture of electric vehicles

Let us study your delivery problems. Our Transportation Cost Bureau is at your disposal without charge or obligation.

OPEN TERRITORY: We solicit applications from men or concerns in unoccupied territory who are equipped to handle the Baker along the lines the merit of the truck deserves.

THE BAKER MOTOR VEHICLE CO., CLEVELAND, OHIO

Canada: The Baker Motor Vehicle Co. of Canada, Ltd., Walkerville, Ont.

Los Angeles, Tenth and Olive Sts Kansas City, 3105 Gillham Road Detroit, 815 Woodward Av Chicago, 2023 Michigan Av New York, 1798 Broadway Washington, 1138 Connecticut Av Spokane, 818 Fourth Av Boston, 801 Boylston St Seattle, 1718 Broadway Sacramento, 1217 Seventh St Richmond, 1623 West Broad St Representatives in Other Leading Cities

Philadelphia, 1927 Market St Denver, 1542 Broadway

Mr. Dealer: The Borland is the Electric to satisfy the owner and profit the agent. Secure your territory now for 1913.

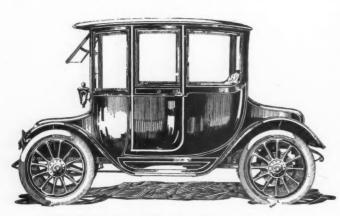
The secret of Borland superiority is **construction**. Mechanical perfection only can constitute an electric which does what the Borland does. For instance: **the run from Chicago to Milwaukee** (104 miles), under adverse conditions, on **one battery charge**, is conclusive evidence of the fact that the Borland owner gets plus-service on his battery equipment.

For appearance, satisfaction, comfort, safety, convenience and mileage the Borland is the most convincing electric known.



The Borland 1913 Roadster—It will be a \$2550 great Business and Professional Men's car \$2550

Specifications: General Electric motor, especially built for us to withstand a 500% overload. General Electric non-arcing controller with 6 speeds forward and 3 reverse. Interlocking device attached to brakes to cut off current when brakes are applied. Current is still cut off until Control Lever is returned to neutral position. Control lever horizontal type. Wheel base, 96 inches. Batteries: 42 cells, 11 plate Exide. Speed: 35 miles per hour. Equipment: Skid chains. hydrometer, odometer, pneumatic tires, 34 x 4.



The Borland 1913 Regular Coupe— \$2900 A beautiful and elegant production

Specifications: General Electric motor, especially built for us to withstand a 500% overload. General Electric non-arcing controller with 6 speeds forward and 3 reverse. Interlocking device attached to brakes to cut off current when brakes are applied. Current is still cut off until Control Lever is returned to neutral position. Control lever horizontal type. Wheel base, 96 inches. Extra large aluminum 5-passenger body, revolving front seats, either front or rear drive. Batterles: 40 cells, 9 plate Exide. Speed: 22 miles per hour. Equipment: Skid chains, hydrometer, odometer, toilet case and flower vase. Solid or pneumatic tires, optional, 34 x 4.

Our 1913 electrics recognize and cater to the advanced ideals and demands of the public.

These beautiful Borlands, 1913 models, will delight every woman who sees them and will sell themselves to the men.

The agent who sells a Borland to a man or woman is creating a continuing business for himself. The absolutely perfect construction of the Borland eliminates the necessity for repairs due to defective material or workmanship, and insures the dealer the greatest final profit on each sale

With our increased factory facilities we have trebled our output, and are now in position to make very attractive propositions to dealers throughout the country.

Besides the models illustrated we are making: Brougham, \$2500; Coupe, \$2700, either front or rear drive; Limousine, \$5500; 1500 pound delivery truck, open body, \$2100; 1500 pound truck, with closed body, \$2250. These models make a complete line for dealers to handle.

Catalogue and other literature sent immediately on request. Protect yourself and be the Borland man in your locality. Write or wire for agency terms at once.

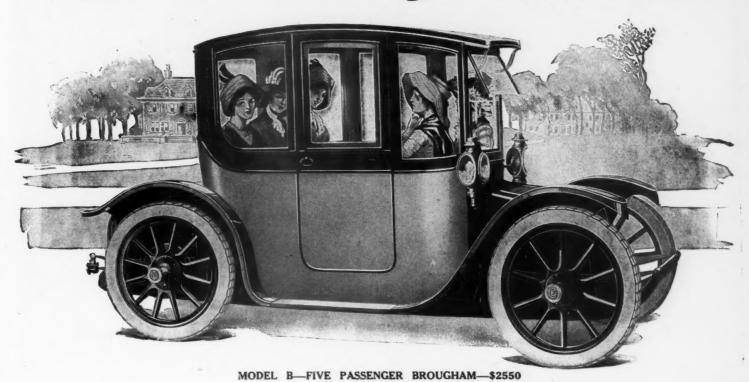
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Exhibit at the Chicago Show, Space A-1, First Regiment Armory

The Borland-Grannis Co.

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The Century Electric



CAR whose superb proportions distinguish it at a

A glance from the conventional every-day type.

Close and careful consideration of its hand-finished body, its rich upholstering, its economy of maintenance, and its safe simplicity of operation prove that the Century's outward beauty of line is fully equalled by its efficiency and the sumptuous character of its interior appointments.

The advancement of the electric to its present high standard of efficiency offers the wide-awake dealer a far greater opportunity than ever offered by the gasoline car. Shrewd dealers who have waited for an electric such as the Century, which combines the last word in coach-building with the highest advance in electrical engineering, will find the Century the easiest, the readiest, the most satisfactory car, whether electric or gasoline, they have ever had a chance of connecting with.

Responsible and progressive dealers who appreciate these sales advantages are requested to write or wire for unallotted territory.

Century Electric Car Company

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Some Shining Lights "57 Varieties" in the Electric Field who use F&S Ball Bearings The Dependable Kind Made in Germany

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This luxurious equipage, without a peer in point of engineering excellence and classic beauty, answers a nation-wide demand.

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(This Electric is the crowning achievement in the life of Frederick J. Newman, overshadowing all his past triumphs in electric car building.

(I Behind this car stands an organization of noted Electric Car experts, each one of whom has attained notable success in this industry. These men have given their best thought and efforts to the Chicago Electric because they fully perceived the enormous possibilities of this perfect pleasure car. These same opportunities are open to the dealer who realizes the limitless field for an Electric of such pre-eminence.

(I The Chicago Electric 1913 Models will be exhibited at the Chicago Automobile Show only. Our factory and sales organization are located here and we are thus enabled to do complete justice to cur display.

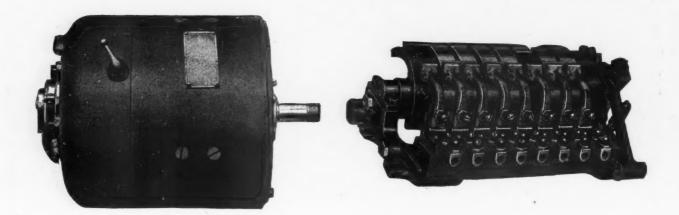
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Chicago Electric Motor Car Co.

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The manufacturer who safeguards his reputation by adopting GEN-ERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY'S motors and controllers as standard, is thus able to concentrate greater attention upon the comfort, convenience, finish and general detailed improvement of car body and chassis.

The electric vehicle equipped with G-E motors is doubly backed: first, by its maker, and second, by the reputation of the largest electrical manufacturer in the world.

If you are a prospective purchaser of an electric vehicle, DEMAND General Electric Company's motors and controllers!

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Three-gang Push Button Switch



Commercial Vehicle Charging Receptacle and Plug



(1/2 Size) 15 and 25 watts, 21-65 volts

Edison Mazda Lamps, Commercial vehicle type, are of the same high efficiency as the well-known Edison Mazda Lamps used for all kinds of lighting the world over. These lamps have strong, sturdy filaments, made from drawn wire tungsten that will withstand the jarring and jolting of the roughest roads.

Flush Push Button Switches are our well-known, standard push button switch in miniature. The switch is compact and takes up very little space. The buttons are metal and will not break off; the terminal plate at back is held by long screws which prevent loosening. Made in any combination of gangs.

Charging Plugs and Receptacles

are substantial and strong; they withstand any reasonable amount of rough usage. The self-centering plug forms a rigid electrical connection between contacts; the generous areas assure transmission of charging current at the maximum of efficiency. Well insulated against accidental contact. Receptacle has a self-closing cover, protecting removable interior from moisture and dirt: interior walls enameled to prevent rust. Any of these devices may be obtained from local dealers or our nearest sales office.

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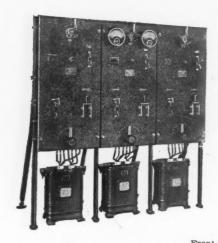
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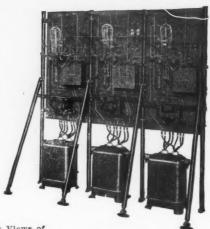
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Front and Back Views of Three Panel Commercial Vehicle Type Rectifier. This set will charge three vehicles at once

Convenience in Battery Charging With Mercury Arc Rectifiers

The idea that charging storage batteries is a mysterious and difficult operation has been handed down from the days of the earliest electrics when charging stations were few and far between and the charging outfit for the private garage was unknown.

These conditions have been changed by the invention of the rectifier, which rectifies or changes the alternating current furnished by most lighting and power companies to direct current suitable for charging storage batteries.

With one of these rectifiers in the garage, all that is necessary to charge the battery is to insert a plug in a receptacle on the vehicle and start the rectifier.

The rectifier takes up very little space in the garage and can be installed anywhere there are electric light wires.

In nearly every case the electric power company will make very low rates for energy for battery charging.

Write our nearest office for further information and prices.

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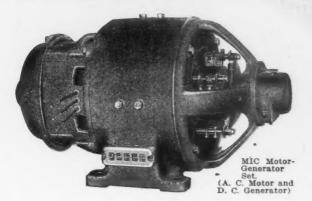
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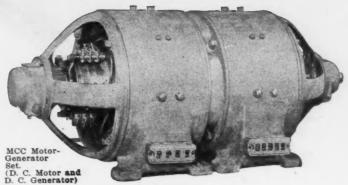
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Motor-Generator Sets, Charging Panels and Rheostats

The General Electric Company manufactures different types of battery charging equipment to meet the requirements of all users, from the largest public garage to the small private garage built for a single car.

For the large garage where there are a number of cars to be charged at the same time, one or more motor-generator sets will usually give the best results for the bulk of the work, but rectifiers can be used to good advantage as auxiliaries to take care of cars with exceptionally low or high voltage batteries, and also for long overcharges.

On direct current circuits of 220 volts or higher, motor-generator sets will be most economical in nearly every case whatever the capacity of the garage may be. These sets are furnished in capacities from 1-8 kw. up.

For circuits of 110 to 125 volts, distributing panels with charging rheostats are simple and economical.

For cases where Central Station energy cannot be obtained, we have designed gasoline electric generating sets consisting of a gasoline engine direct connected to a D. C. Generator. The engine and generator are specially designed as parts of the set, making these outfits compact and reliable. These sets are economical and require very little attention.

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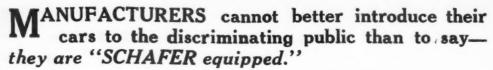
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The quality of SCHAFER BALL BEARINGS has long been established because of their perfect design, their honest construction, and the high quality of their material.

No matter what conditions they may be subjected to, SCHAFER BALL BEARINGS stand up and give that perfect service which only the highest grade bearings can give.

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HOUK DETACHABLE RIMS

The Right Equipment For Electrics

Rudge Whitworth Wheels lengthen the life of your tires from 50% to 70%.

The Houk Quick Detachable Rim is not only the lightest, but the simplest rim on the market—not a bolt or nut in its construction.

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AFTER TRYING IT, WE WILL NOT ONLY GIVE YOU YOUR MONEY BACK, BUT WILL GIVE YOU A NEW SET OF TUBES.

It Is Time to Give Up Tire Changing

Airease absolutely does away with roadside Tire Repairs!

Motoring to-day would be the great national pleasure if it were not for that everpresent bug-bear—TIRE TROUBLE. The most disagreeable part of motoring is completely eliminated by the use of a tire filler that makes tires as resilient as air, yet as unpuncturable as solid tires.

Reflect on some of your past experiences: changing casings in the boiling sun, pumping tires under torrid heat, changing tires at night or in the rain, or going home on the rim—ALL of these are relegated to the region of the old "onelung" and two-cylinder opposed motors.

WISE MEN MARVEL today at the fact that the old-time bicycle tire, with its troublesome compressed air, could have developed into the automobile tire. Thousands of attempts have been made at spring wheels and airless tires, and not a few tire fillers have been marketed. But it remains for Airease to produce a lasting, unchangable material, not affected by heat or moisture, or cold or drought, that will be as resilient as air and an indestructible element in itself.

Nearly every car owner has said unprintable things about his tires, while dealers and garage men have been besieged with requests for a cheaper and satisfactory substitute for the tire filled with air.

After many years of investigation by a famous chemist, and three years' experimentation and use on many cars, that substitute for air has been developed not only to a marketable state, but to an almost perfect one. In fact, Airease fills all the requirements of the perfect tire filler.

The AIREASERS demonstrating the joyr of care-free motoring



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Solves All Tire Problems

A perfect tire filler must be soft, spongy and resilient — it must neither be affected by heat nor by cold-it must not harden through years of service.

Samples of Airease have been exposed to the air for years—to the July heat and the December cold, but no change has been detected in their bulk or resiliency.

Airease absolutely contains no glue, glycerine, starch, acid, water, or anything else that will shrink or lose its resiliency, or that will disintegrate through years of service.

No matter how many times a tire filled with Airease is compressed, it always springs back with the same resiliency as when new; in fact, if there is any difference it becomes more springy with age. A car can stand in the garage on the same spot for months, yet no noticeable depression can be made upon the tires.

TUBES FILLED WITH AIREASE ARE INTERCHANGEABLE

They can be used in as many casings as you can wear out with your car in years. An Airease filled tube can be inserted into any type of tire or rim.

WE STILL WANT SOME AIREASE REPRESENTATIVES IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The demand for Airease is as by magic. So great and so keen has been the need for a really reliable tire filler that motorists are fairly clamoring for some relief from their pneumatic ills. Aiready we have hundreds of applications on file for territorial rights in some parts of the country, and we are selecting the best men that we can find to fill the most important stations. 15,000 tires have already been equipped with Airease, and we have never had a dissatisfied customer. Think what that means in your locality!

It costs only a little to establish a filling station in your town or county, and if you are interested in the kind of proposition that will bring unprecedented financial returns, we are anxhous to get in touch with you now. Every Airease customer makes another, and another and another. It is marvelous what a furore Airease has created at home without publicity and without any real desire to sell it.

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It is remarkable what advertising can do where the article is much needed and buyers are waiting for it. Our big campaign which has just begun and which, as mapped out, will be the biggest accessory campaign ever followed in the automobile industry, has begun bringing surprising returns. It is only a matter of a few months until Airease will be the most talked-of commodity in the automobile industry, and its sale will eclipse any supply or accessory ever put on the American market.

Airease is backed by a sound financial organization, a group of capitalists who are in no way dependent upon its financial success and whose conservatism has retarded, rather than promoted, the sale of Airease, until every vestige of doubt as to its marvelous value has been swept away by clamoring patrons.

We are now looking for some live representatives who are as reliable as they are progressive. If you are of that type, you should not hesitate writing us today.

NONE OF MY ANCESTORA BONES IN THAT TIRE FILLER

We GREATLY REGRET that we appear to be presenting an article in competition with so-called tire fillers that have made a sensational entry into automobile circles, cleaned up and skipped out. We regret that we have to contend with the prejudice against these so-called fillers, yet we beg to assure you that there is as much difference between Airease and glue REASE HERE BLIEF COM SHE Line and desire to know his the cost of things and desire to heave the his the cost of things and desire to heave the hea

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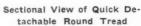
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Here Is the Final Solution of the Electrical Vehicle Tire Problem









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United States Special Electric Tires

Guaranteed for 5,000 miles of service and actually show a lower current consumption than any electric tire has ever been known to do before

It is an established fact that the kind of tires used on an electric vehicle exerts an influence of from 20 to $25\,\%$ on the current consumption.

The ordinary gas car tire is wholly out of place on an electric, which must have a tire as pliable and resilient as it is possible to make it. A stiff tire means not only higher current bills, but also increased battery renewal bills, owing to the frequent recharging it makes necessary.

United States Tire Company experts worked on the electric tire problem for a long time before they finally solved it. Exhaustive tests were carried on in conjunction with several of the largest makers of electric pleasure vehicles in the country. So painstakingly were these tests conducted that some of them were run at 3 o'clock in the morning in order to get the proper temperature in both tires and batteries. Tests were made on city streets, on country roads and on steep hills.

These tests showed conclusively that United States Special Electric Tires gave a higher mileage than any electric tire ever before produced and a lower current consumption, thus effectually combining wearing qualities with current efficiency.

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WALTHAM eight day timepieces for automobile use, are made according to WALTHAM standards, which means that they represent the highest development of watch manufacture.

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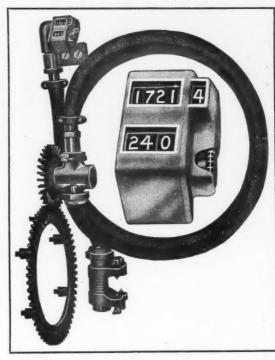
HOW ABOUT YOUR MILEAGE?

The Leading ELECTRIC PASSENGER AUTOMOBILES

have adopted the Veeder Form D trip odometer which is especially suited to this type of VEHICLE.

Attached to the dash it is always in sight and at a glance gives you the warning signal when your BATTERY is running low. The trip part of the instrument can be set at zero at any time. Assume, for instance, your battery is good for 80 miles, the trip register at 70 miles warns you that it is about time for a recharge.

This type odometer can also be easily attached anywhere inside the Coupe wherever it is convenient and can be easily read.



Form D. Trip Odometer for Passenger Electrics \$20.00

HOW ABOUT OPERATION COSTS ON BUSINESS ELECTRICS?

THE SECTION TOWN

Hub Odometer for Commercial Cars \$25.00

Exact cost of electric driven vehicle service can only be secured by a knowledge of exact mileage.

Veeder J-7 Hub Odometers register backward as well as forward and give an infallible reckoning upon which to base the exact cost of operation. They cannot be disconnected by slipping gears out of mesh—your driver can't subtract mileage by running the wheels backward or falsify returns by putting the odometers out of service during a run. Any tampering with the instrument leads to certain detection. It is sealed to the Hub.

Either of the above type of instruments can be secured at your dealers. If not, write us direct. Complete catalogue free.

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Tests That Prove the U-S-L Storage Battery

Manufacturers say the greatest obstacle they had to overcome in the introduction of battery-driven vehicles was the popular impression that they didn't have power or staying qualities.

In the process of proof that broke down this prejudice U-S-L Storage Battery played an important part. Witness, for example, the photographs on this page, showing **U-S-L** Batteries doing LOCOMOTIVE SERVICE. This answers all questions as to power capabilities of the U-S-L Storage Battery.

Then came the test of VOLTAGE DE-PENDABILITY. Here again the U-S-L Battery holds a dominating position, for it is a provable fact that the U-S-L maintains its voltage capacity up to the very

end of discharge better than any other battery, making it more responsive, livelier, and more dependable on long, heavy

In the matter of ECONOMY it has been proved that the U-S-L requires for a given energy output the least charging current of all storage batteries.

For LONG LIFE the U-S-L has proved its worth by frequently giving double the mileage the service in question would ordinarily warrant.

These qualities bring the **U-S-L** up to the highest service standard known to battery engineers. The backing of the strongest battery organization in the world comes to U-S-L users through

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A corps of experts operate from the fully stocked service stations we maintain in eight large cities. These men are at the constant disposal of U.S-L customers and co-operate at all times toward the end of maximum efficiency.

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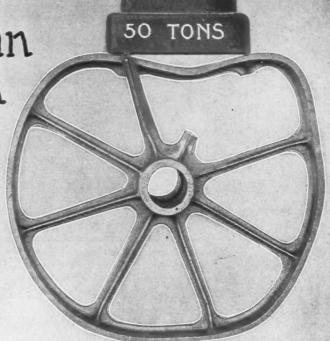
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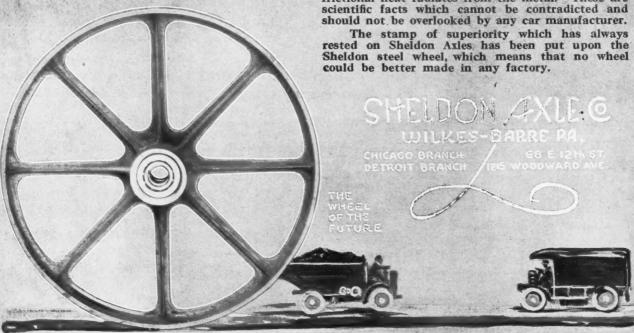




Here is a wheel that weighs less than the wooden wheel, that is positively unbreakable and that will outlast the best twenty cars that ever were manufactured.

The Sheldon steel wheel is the result of years of study of the wheel problem, the concentration of expert effort on improved design, and the most economic methods of construction known to the industry. It is unbreakable under conditions that would smash a wooden wheel to fragments and make a wire wheel unfit for anything but junk. The superior resiliency of the Sheldon steel wheel adds another advantage which the car owner or car manufacturer cannot overlook—tire economy.

This tire economy results from the light weight at the wheel's periphery and the rapidity with which frictional heat radiates from the metal. These are scientific facts which cannot be contradicted and should not be overlooked by any car manufacturer.





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"SPICER" Universal Joints are recognized as the Standard for American Cars. There is a reason for SPICER superiority. We have our own Drop Forging Plant and are therefore able to control the quantity of steel in our Drop Forgings. The competent workman and strict inspection standards in our machine department insure a finished product whose accuracy and strength have created the slogan. "SPICER" is Quality.

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Introducing a Device of Remarkable Merit



(FRONT VIEW)

MOTOMETER PEND'G

Every sensible owner will buy— Every live dealer will handle— Buyers of new cars will request— And the more progressive manufacturers, for 1913, will regularly equip with—THE MOTOMETER.

A watchlike instrument, fitted to any radiator cap, protecting the motor from damage caused by improper lubrication, overheating, defective cooling, etc.

The MOTOMETER is the only instrument ever invented to indicate, while driving, the exact heat of your motor, and in so doing warns you by means of a red fluid indicator,

When the Radiator Needs Water When the Oil Supply Is Insufficient

In short it tells whatever excessive heat tells—a broken water pump, a clogged pipe, a broken fan belt, etc., and tells before the damage is done.

Attached the same as an ornament, readily visible from the seat day or night, the MOTOMETER registers the inside temperature of the radiator. It gives a feeling of security to know when the car is operating correctly—carburetor right, water right, lubrication right, everything right. Nothing can go wrong without the Motometer forewarning.



VIEW FROM SEAT

1/2 Actual Size

The constant rise and fall of the indicating fluid under varying road conditions is more interesting and instructive to watch than a speed indicator. It will prevent frozen radiators in winter and cracked cylinders in summer.

And the Price Is

\$10.

Finished in black enamel with gold plated or nickel rims. If your dealer cannot supply you, send check or money order and we will express an instrument prepaid. Sooner or later you will drive a Motometer equipped car. Why not enjoy it now?

DEALERS—The MOTOMETER is the handsomest and most meritorious accessory offered for 1913, selling at a price that means no dead stock. Act at once! Be the first to handle the MOTOMETER in your town.

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Don't be Satisfied with Half-Way Knowledge of Your Motor-Car

First, get at the fundamentals—the big, construction features that mean strength, safety, speed, power.

Here's one of the big things you ought to know about:

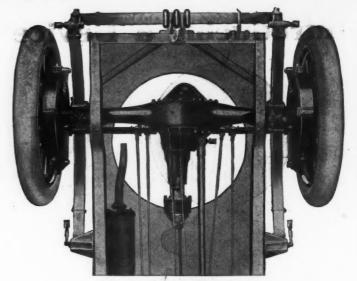
The Power-Transmiting Unit of a Timken-Detroit Rear Axle.

It's shown at the right just as you see it when the body of the car is removed and you look down on the chassis—lower on the page you see it in detail.

Study it-read the description carefully.

It's one of the great Timken contributions to good axle construction.

And it includes the most important single contribution to American motor-car manufacture:—Timken Tapered Roller Bearings.



Above is a picture of a Timken-Detroit Rear Axle, showing the position of the Power-Transmitting Unit illustrated in detail below.

In a Timken Rear Axle all the gears—pinion, driving and differential gears—form a unit.

This unit is completely assembled and tested before it is put into the axle.

The large removable rear cap of the housing permits convenient inspection and adjustment from the rear.

removable.

It is bolted to the front of the housing and is easily

The quiet running and high efficiency of Timken gears is partly due to this unit construction—proper relation of all parts is assured *before* the axle is assembled.

It is partly due to the grinding of the gears by a special Timken-built machine—the one gear-grinding machine made that corrects all the microscopic inaccuracies left by even the finest gear cutters.

It is lastly and largely due to the Perfect Service given by Timken Tapered Roller Bearings.

The Power-Transmitting Unit is carried by these bearings.

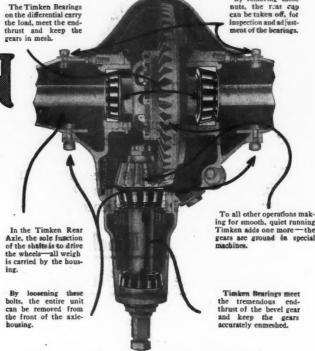
They keep shafts in line and gears accurately in mesh, saving power and insuring quiet running.

They do this because of three great principles of Timken Tapered Roller Bearing construction.

1. A greater load capacity than balls because they carry the load along their whole length instead of on points only.

2. Greater ability to meet force from the end as well as the side—because the rollers are tapered.

3. Perfect adjustability for wear—due to the tapered construction.



Good Axle Construction Demands Human Integrity and Efficiency

It isn't merely one, or even all of its notable features that makes the Timken-Detroit Rear Axle.

It's really the human equation back of the whole.

An organization that began before the motor-car industry war dreamed of.

That for years has been devoted exclusively to building motor-ca axles—and to nothing else.

Whose product represents the whole sum—not a part—of motorcar axle knowledge and experience: American and European.

The Timken story requires many chapters—this advertisement is only one.

Look for the others and read them—they will give you a new understanding of the modern motor-car.

You can get the whole story of axle and bearing importance and construction by writing to either address below for the Timken Primers, T-9 "On the Care and Character of Bearings," and T-10 "On the Anatomy of Automobile Axles."



THE TIMKEN-DETROIT AXLE CO., DETROIT, MICH.
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The Wells Generator Lights the Way

Electric Light Your 1913 Car With Energy Your Engine Now Wastes

Every up-to-date 1913 car will be electric lighted. The question, then, is not whether an Electric Lighting System, but what Electric Lighting System. In an important issue of this kind, motorwise manufacturers and car owners cannot afford to experiment.

There is Electric Lighting insurance for the life of your car in

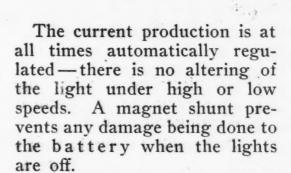
> The Wells Electric Lighting System

The WELLS ELECTRIC LIGHTING GENERATOR stores and delivers current for the complete lighting of the automobile. Its power is derived from energy now being wasted by your motor. It operates with equal effectiveness at all speeds. It has the capacity required to keep the battery charged so as to furnish sufficient light when the car is not running.

When the lights are turned on, the Generator supplies the current direct, and in case the

amount furnished is in excess of the current consumption of the lamps, the current will be stored in the battery.

An Electric
Generator
That
Automatically
Regulates
Itself



The WELLS GENERATOR is compact and absolutely simple. It cannot be thrown out of adjustment, as there is nothing to get out of order. There are no special windings or complicated regulating devices such as friction drives, etc., in its construction. The generator is fully enclosed; there are no openings whatever to draw in grit and dust. The scheme of wiring is simple, convenient and economical to install. The device will last as long as the car itself.

Put your car in the 1913 class by seeing to it that it is Electric Lighted with an economical, trouble-proof, fool-proof WELLS GENERATOR.

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Westinghouse Electric Starting, Lighting and Ignition

THE electrical starting, lighting, and ignition systems on a number of the finest and best known cars this year will be Westinghouse built.

To be able to supply cars with electrical equipment that is backed by the experience of a long established electrical manufacturer with large facilities like the Westinghouse Company has been the desire of every leading automobile manufacturer, and Westinghouse equipment will be one of the strong talking points of the new models.

Take a hint from the judgment of the manufacturers of these cars and see that the machine you purchase has Westinghouse equipment.

THE equipments include: starting motors; lighting generators; combined lighting and ignition generators; and combined lighting and starting units; all standardized for different types of cars. All equipments are 6-volt systems.

Lighting and Charging

Westinghouse automobile generators automatically charge the battery without the use of any relays or solenoid-operated regulators. There are no adjustments to be made. The battery is at no time charged at an excessive rate.

The generator is slow speed, eliminating noise and wear.

Ignition

A high-power single-unit spark coil, acting in conjunction with timing and distributing parts on the generator, furnishes high voltage for the spark. The battery operating alone or with the generator supplies continuous power. The interrupter gives automatic spark advance. The spark is uniform, regardless of speed.

Starting

Minimum weight of motor and minimum discharge of the battery are features of the Westinghouse starting motors, permitting the use of a smaller battery and smaller charging generator.

A Westinghouse starting motor therefore means less weight to carry and fewer battery renewals

Every Westinghouse Equipment is backed by the Westinghouse Guarantee

Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Co.

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Visible Gap Spark Plug-Tells Its Own Story

Through the window in the porcelain of the plug—outside the motor—you can instantly tell if the plug is firing correctly. You can see the spark jump the gap in the central electrode at any time — the darkest night shows it up clearest.

It simplifies the trouble hunt by half.

If there is a spark in the window, but proper ignition fails, you know the points are fouled. In that case, just turn the knurled micrometer nut at the top of the plug with the fingers and separate the visible points still more. This increases the intensity of the spark, breaks down all oil or carbon deposits between the points and automatically cleans them in a jiffy.

And if there is no spark in the window, you know you must look to coil, batteries or magneto for your trouble.

You don't have to take the J. D. Plug out of the motor.

By this micrometer nut you can adjust each plug so as to give maximum sparking efficiency.

One glance through the window tells all.

You need a set of these plugs in your motor. Send for a set now, enclosing price and size wanted (or tell make of car), and we will forward them at once, prepaid. Our rigid guarantee of positive satisfaction or your money back goes with every plug.

You are the judge in this trial.

We make millions of spark plugs a year—that's our only business. We import our clays for our heat-defying porcelain, and use the best material on the market.

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Largest Manufacturers of Spark Plugs in the World



The Grade Indicator

(At Top of Speedometer Dial)

The Grade Indicator is an accurate instrument operated automatically by gravity Made strong and dependable, it is as unfailing as the power which operates it. It tells the exact truth about grades. It shows the various degrees of grades from zero up to thirty—the big, easily read numbers being carried on a revolving cylinder which presents the proper figure at the opening of the speedometer dial.

Note its big, honest figures—its sturdy frame — and strong brass cylinders — that means real "instrument" construction. construction. Note that ti is an expensively made automobile odometer - not a cheap bicycle odometer. Every turn of the front wheel is registered because its brass cylinders are revolved by a direct drive mechanism. It cannot lie because it contains no springs to break or weaken-no pawls to slip or fail. Hard bronze gears-solid brass cylindersdirect drive mechanism-positive actionservice everlasting.

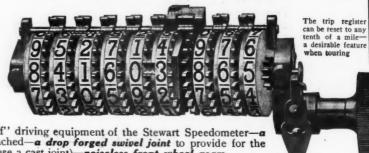
The Selection of the Stewart Speedometer by this great majority of car makers signifies only one thing—that the Stewart Speedometer is an instrument of superior merit. Think what this means! The Stewart Speedometer is the almost unanimous selection of car makers-men who are especially competent to judge of the merit of a speedometer-

inventors, designers and manufacturers of fine mechanism themselves. Even if you didn't know that the Stewart Speedometer is a magnificent instrument—strong, lasting, accurte, beautiful-you could safely rely upon the judgment of 134 car makers out of 158.

Therefore, if you desire permanent satisfaction insist on getting the New 1913 Stewart Speedometer with Grade Indicator when buying a car. The chances are that the car of your choice will bear the Stewart Speedometer as standard equipment because over eighty per cent of the total output—ALL MAKES—for 1913 will bear the Stewart Speedometer as standard or special equipment. Even if the car you select is not so equipped you can get the Stewart Speedometer if you insist. The maker or dealer will gladly and quickly put one on—all you will have to do is to say: "I want the New 1913 Stewart Speedometer with Grade Indicator on my car.

And you can rest assured that you will be right because you will have the trained judgment of one hundred and thirty-four car makers to back you in your choice.

A Real Automobile Odometer. This Big, Sturdy Distance Recorder is Combined with the Stewart Speedometer



Don't forget the strong, unbreakable, "trouble-proof" driving equipment of the Stewart Speedometer—a flexible shaft that will outlast the car to which it is attached—a drop forged swivel joint to provide for the movement of the front wheel in turning corners (others use a cast joint)—noiseless front wheel gears.

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The Grade Indicator cannot be obtained with any other make of speedometer. It is com-bined only with the Stewart.

The Atwater Kent Ignition System

is not only distinctive from other ignition equipment in name, but it is advantageously different from all others in many respects.

Other ignition equipment have the distinction without the difference.

The Atwater Kent System is different in embodying the best features of both magneto and battery. In fact, it gives magneto results with a battery system, without the weaknesses of either, at less than one-half the cost of a good magneto.

It is ideal for use in connection with lighting and starting equipment, as it produces a hot dynamic spark, perfectly timed, regardless of the engine speed.

Just a few of the many good features of the Atwater Kent System are—

Its simplicity of mechanism—no vibrators, relays or commutator—just one contact point regardless of the number of cylinders and only three moving parts, none of which is subject to excessive wear.

Its single adjustment easily and quickly made and seldom requiring attention.

Its adaptability and easy installation on any standard make of motor, new or old.

There are now two types of Atwater Kent Ignition equipment—standard Type F and the new Type K—





the latter having the automatic spark control and insulated primary circuit features.

Prices of the Type F System

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	Star	ndard Coil.	Kick Switch Coil.
1-cylinder		\$17.00	
2-cylinder	opposed	18.00	
2-cylinder	distributor type	22.00	\$24.00
3-cylinder	distributor type	25.00	27.00
4-cylinder	distributor type	25.00	27.00
6-cylinder	distributor type	27.00	29.00

Prices of the Type K System

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2-cylinder															\$32.00	\$35.00
3-cylinder															35.00	38.00
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6-cylinder															37.00	40.00

In substituting the Atwater Kent System for the magneto, or for driving it from any horizontal shaft or gear, we furnish a special magneto gear mounting, the additional price of which is \$5.00.

Perhaps your present car needs only an Atwater-Kent—"the different" system of ignition to enable it to give you perfect service. Anyhow you should have a copy of our booklet A, it's interesting and it's free.

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OF ALL THE BOOKS published relative to the automobile industry, the two illustrated and described on this page have proved deservedly popular and among the best sellers.

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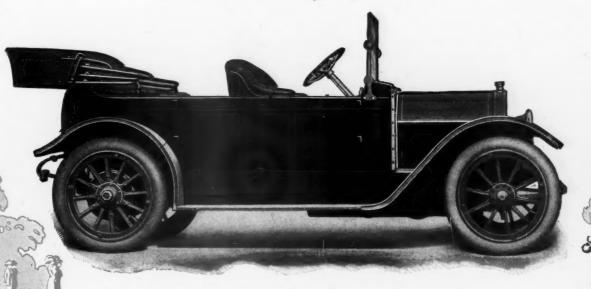
AS ENGINE MAN-UAL. This volume, just published, gives the latest and most helpful information respecting the construction, care, and management of Gas, Gasoline, and Oil Engines, Marine Motors, and Automobile Engines, including chapters on Producer Gas Plants and the Alcohol Motor. Each chapter is illustrated by diagrams which make it a thoroughly helpful volume, containing 512 pages, 156 drawings, printed in large, clear type on fine paper, handsomely bound in rich red cloth, with gold top and title, measuring 51/2x81/2 inches and weighing over two pounds. The book is a practical educator from cover to cover and is worth many times the price to any one using a gas engine of any type or size.





in selecting your line for 1913

This new Model 24, \$1785



Left Side Drive—Center Control Electric Starting and Electric Lighting

puts every Haynes dealer on the offensive and beyond competition, even in these strenuous days in the automobile business.

That's why it's more than ever to your interest to consider the Haynes NOW

Consider first what a magnificent car this is, backed by Haynes merit, satisfaction, tradition and service



Front View Model 24

HIS NEW MODEL is worthy of the name Haynes—if it were not, we would not offer it. The new low price doesn't mean that Haynes standards have been cut

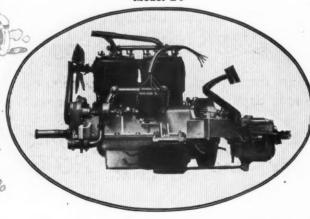
There are some noteworthy departures from former Haynes construction in Model 24—all designed for greater efficiency. Model 24 has left side drive—in step with the designs of the latest models in nearly all high grade cars—and a center control, which is especially convenient.

The new car has the same electric starting and electric lighting system we adopted for Model 22 six months ago—the type of electric starting and lighting equipment which has since become the standard for first class cars.

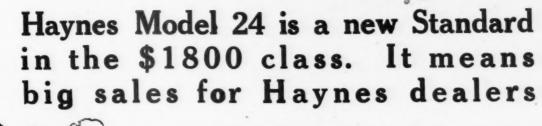
Furthermore, it has the famous Haynes contracting steel band clutch — Haynes transmission, spring suspension, lubrication system and a sturdy, flexible power-unit support.

Model 24 is a big car—118 inch wheel base—it has wide, roomy seats with upholstery 12 inches deep, covered with finest hand-buffed leather.

Left Side View—Haynes Motor Model 24



This Haynes for \$1785 means a broader field for every Haynes dealer. It places a Haynes car in reach of thousands of buyers who have long wanted a car at this price, backed by such standards of merit and service as have kept the Haynes—America's first car—always its foremost.



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HAYNES CAR at \$1,785 is made possible only by the efficiency of the Haynes plant, by its use of only the latest and most approved methods of automobile construction it is the culmination of twenty years' experience in automobile building.

The standards which have made the Haynes pacemaker most of the time—and have kept it up with the

leaders all the time—are new standards in a car selling for less than \$1800. There's no room for argument on this point.

The buying public knows what Haynes standards mean—it knows that Havnes reputation was not built on catch-phrases in advertising. The best advertising the Haynes has had, and is having, is the unqualified satisfaction of Haynes owners everywhere. This satisfaction of Haynes owners is the greatest assurance Haynes dealers have of a successful future.

Specifications

Read carefully what the Haynes Model 24 offers. Bear in mind that Haynes character stands behind these specifications. And ask yourself what demand there is today for such a car at such a price.

Frame-Pressed steel 4" deep, double drop.

Wheel Base-118 inches.

Motor-4½ inches bore by 5½ inches stroke. L-head cylinders cast in pairs, offset ½ inch. Flexible 4-point suspension.

Ignition—Dual type magneto.

Carburetion—Stromberg Model B Special.

Lubrication—Splash and force feed, oil reservoir in lower half of crank case and filled through feather pipe on side of crank case.

Control—Steering wheel on left side—Center control.

Steering Column—Worm gear type, corrugated rim, aluminum spider, 18-inch wheel.

Clutch—Haynes contracting steel band on hardened steel drum, Supported by crank shaft, Easily ad-justed and lubricated,

Transmission—Selective type, three speeds forward, one reverse. Roller bearings. Operated through H-slotted bracket, center control. Supported from two rear arms on engine base.

Propeller Shaft—Forged. Two universal joints, metal enclosed and packed with hard grease.

Rear Axle—Full floating type, pressed steel housing, supporting full weight of car. Shaft, nickel steel.

Front Axle—Single piece I-beam, drop-forged. Spring seats forged integral. Roller bearings.

Wheels—Artillery type, wood, twelve spokes front and rear. Bossed spokes alternating in rear wheels. De-mountable rims.

Tires-34x4, front and rear.

Springs—Front, semi-elliptic, 40 inches long, 2 inches wide, 7 leaves; rear, three-quarter elliptic, 48 inches long. 2 inches wide, 7 leaves. Fitted with grease cups both front and rear.

Brakes—Internal and external on rear wheels. Drum 14x2½-inch face. Disappearing foot pedal operates external service brakes, and lever on right of driver's seat operates internal emergency brakes.

Body—Sheet metal, fore door. Black, hand buffed up-holstery, spring backs to both seats filled with super extra curled hair.

Colors—Body black. Wheels black, same as body. Special colors to order. All metal equipment black enamel and nickel.

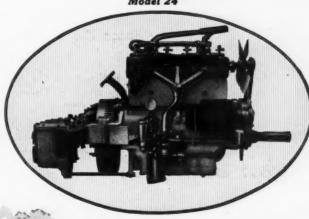
Gasoline Tank-18 gallons capacity.

Road Clearance-10 inches.

Equipment

Top, top cover, two large electric head lights, glass front, electric side lights, flush in dash, electric cowl lamp, electric starter, generator, 100 ampere hour storage battery, speedometer, horn, coat and foot rails, tire irons, full equipment tools, etc., also one extra demountable rim.

Right Side View—Haynes Motor Model 24



The Big Haynes, Model 22—The Complete Car—which has met with success everywhere, is continued as a Haynes Leader



The big Model 22, full 40-horse power, marks the highest development of the Haynes Car. It is in every way The Complete Car—durable and dependable, comfortable and handsome, powerful and quiet—everything a car should be. It is the very maximum of automobile efficiency at the very minimum of cost.

Model 22, Detail Specifications

Motor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. x $5\frac{1}{2}$ in., 40 h. p.; wheel base 120 in.; fine hair upholstery, 12 in. deep; tires $36x4\frac{1}{2}$ in.; absolutely 100% efficient electric starting equipment of utmost simplicity; Eisemann dual magneto, Stromberg carburetor, Warner autometer, demountable rims, top, windshield, electric signal horn, electric cowl lamp, standard bumper, etc., etc. Touring car models \$2250; Roadster \$2250; Coupe \$2750; Limousine \$3400; Berlin \$3500; f. o. b. factory.

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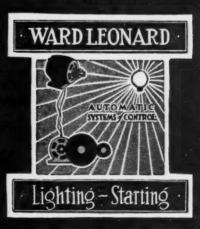
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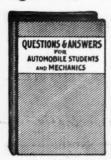
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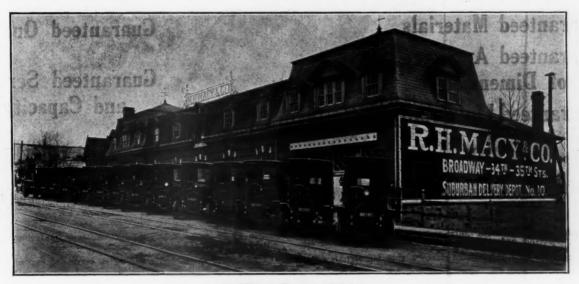
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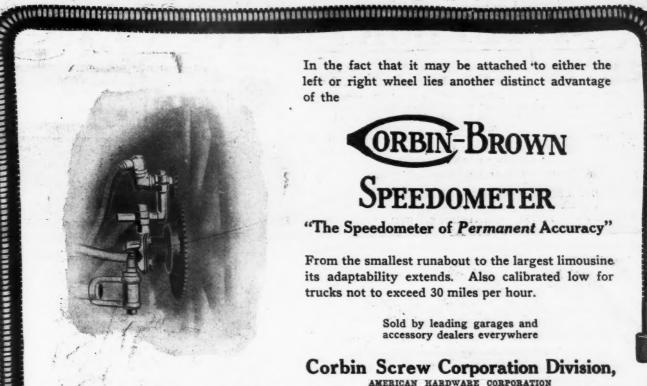


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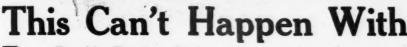
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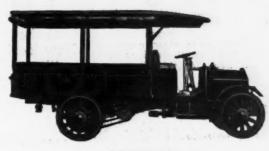
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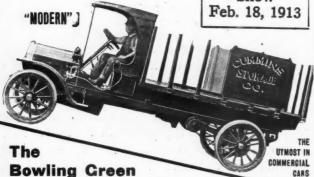
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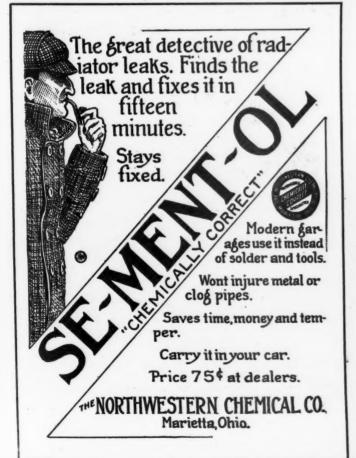
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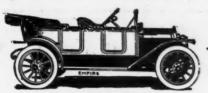
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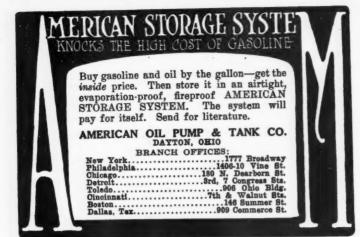
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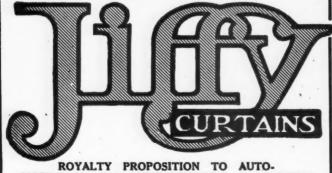
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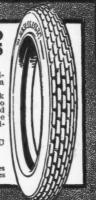
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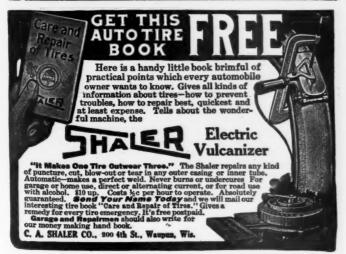
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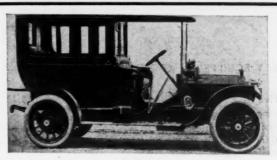
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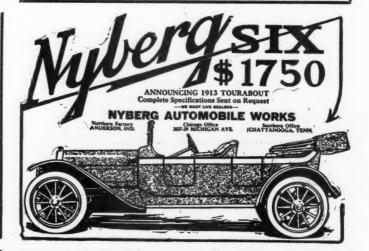
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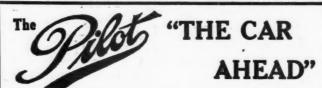
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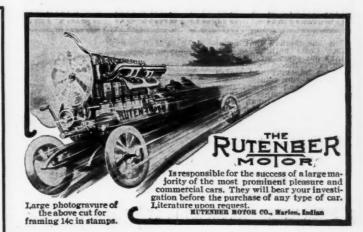
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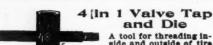
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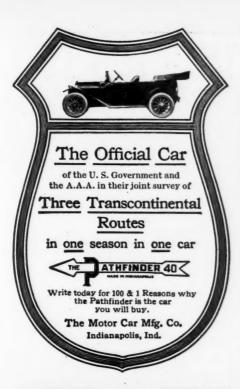
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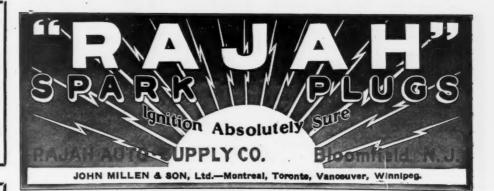


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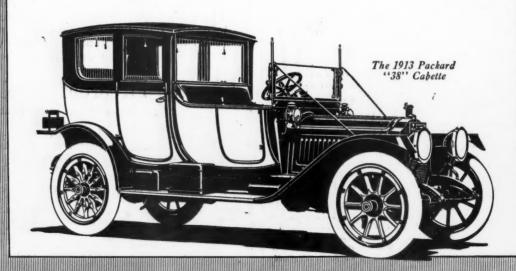
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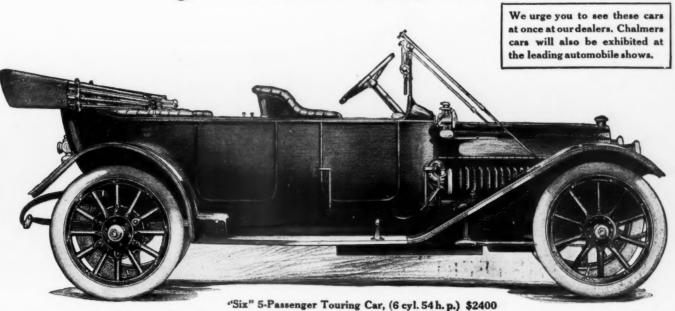
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